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Sailors in the trenches. Part 2

3 Gallipoli

At Blandford the Division regrouped and re-formed. In January 1915 the RND was informed of the plans for the Dardanelles.

The Marine Brigade was ordered to leave immediately. In February 1915, the RND embarked and sailed to the Greek island of Lemnos in Mudros Bay in the

eastern Mediterranean to take part in the disastrous Gallipoli campaign.

The Dardanelles campaign had three major challenges :

- The fortresses at the end of the Gallipoli peninsula
- The mines and enemy shipping in the passage to Constantinople
- - Putting ashore men and munitions at various locations on the peninsula, establishing a mobile force to obtain an increasing amount of territory and thus prevent the stalemate of entrenched warfare as had happened in Europe.

Naval vessels led by HMS Queen Elizabeth bombarded the forts. Much of this activity was wasteful. Shells designed to attack warships were unsuited to the destruction of well-established earthworks. Three battleships were sunk. The RND was returned to Egypt and then to Lemnos.

Eventually on Sunday 25th April landings were made on five beaches. There were errors in arriving at two of the selected beaches, the limited access inland along well enfiladed gullies led to a loss of life of epic scale.

Despite gallant attempts the post-landings situation was of a static front line. After eight and a half months the RND was withdrawn and returned to Lemnos. The cost of the RND's involvement in Gallipoli was high - a combination of battle and infections, dysentery being rife. The RND lost one- third of its force committed - 372 officers and 7,198 other ranks.

Operations: June–July 1915.

In the Helles sector, which had been extensively entrenched by both sides, the Allies attacked Krithia and Achi Baba again, in the Third Battle of Krithia on 4 June, with the 29th



The Naval Division getting ready to receive the Germans outside Antwerp

Division, Royal Naval Division, 42nd Division and two French divisions.

The battle plan for this Third Battle of Krithia included The Royal Naval Division which would attack up Achi Baba Nullah (also known as Kanli Dere or Bloody Valley), supported by the armoured cars on Krithia Spur.

The Royal Naval Division's advance was led by the 2nd Naval Brigade which managed to reach and capture the Ottoman trenches. When the second wave—the Collingwood Battalion—attempted to continue the advance,

they were caught in enfilade fire from Kereves Dere to the right where the French advance had failed. The battalion, one of the newly arrived reinforcements, was utterly annihilated and was never reformed. Further attempts to reach the second objective were successful,

but the position was untenable, so within a couple of hours the RND units had retreated to their starting positions.

After this Third Battle of Krithia failure, the possibility of a decisive breakthrough was gone and trench warfare resumed, with objectives being measured in hundreds of yards. Casualties were approximately 25% on both sides; the British lost 4,500 from 20,000 men

4 The Western Front

In the Commonwealth War cemeteries along the Western Front, the serried ranks of army corps and regimental badges are broken by the symbols of furled anchors marking the resting paces of the remains of the members of the Royal Naval Division.

One of the most distinctive actions of the RN Division was on the 13th November 1916 at Beaucourt when 12,000 sailors went over the top and in two days in winter went further and took more prisoners than the army had done in a day.

By the end of the Division's part in the Gallipoli campaign, very few men with sea service remained. The RND was always regarded as being different to the rest of the army and although they were subsumed into the army in 1916 to become the 63rd (Royal Navy) Division, they were the only formation to wear both Navy and Army badges of rank.

Attempts to convert the RND to conform to army practices were tried but were generally unsuccessful, especially an attempt to disband the RND in 1917 which was thwarted by the influence of the First Lord of Admiralty, Sir Edward Carson.

The Division transferred from the authority of the Admiralty to the War Office on 29 April 1916 and was redesignated as the 63rd (Royal Naval) Division on 19 July 1916.

The Division moved to France, arriving Marseilles 12-23 May 1916, after which it remained on the Western Front for the rest of the war and took part in the following engagements:

1916

The Battle of the Ancre, a phase of the Battles of the Somme 1916 (13-18 November 1916)

1917

The Operations on the Ancre (January-March 1917)

The Second Battle of the Scarpe (23-24 April 1917), a phase of the Arras Offensive, in which the Division captured Gavrelle

The Battle of Arleux (28-29 April 1917), a phase of the Arras Offensive

The Second Battle of Passchendaele (26 October - 10 November 1917), a phase of the Third Battles of Ypres 1917

The action of Welsh Ridge (30 December 1917), subsequent to the Cambrai operations

1918

The Battle of St Quentin~ (21-23 March 1918)

The Battle of Bapaume~ (24-25 March 1918)

~ the battles marked ~ are phases of the First Battles of the Somme 1918

The Battle of Albert (21-23 August 1918), a phase of the Second Battles of the Somme 1918

The Battle of Drocourt-Queant (2-3 September 1918), a phase of the Second Battles of Arras 1918

The Battle of the Canal du Nord^ (27 September - 1 October 1918)

The Battle of Cambrai 1918^ (8-9 October 1918)

^ the battles marked ^ are phases of the Battles of the Hindenburg Line

The passage of the Grand Honelle (5-7 November 1918), a phase of the Final Advance in Picardy

This unique Division was demobilised in France by April 1919.

ROLL OF HONOUR ROYAL NAVAL DIVISION Part 2

+FERGUSON, William James

RN. Stoker 1st Class. 308717, RFR/B/3665. Nelson Battalion RND. Died 17/05/1915. Age 29. Born Keady 06/05/1886. Son of Leah Ferguson and late James Ferguson, Bryson St., Belfast. Died of wounds received in Gallipoli in hospital in Alexandria. Alexandria (Chatby) Military and War Memorial Cemetery, Egypt. ADM339

+FISHER, John

RMLI. Private. PLY/12264. 1st RM Bn RND. Died 13/11/1916. Age 30. Enlisted 16/9/1903 ; Embarked Royal Marine Brigade 16/02/1916 (per HMT "Olympic" and arrived Mudros 24/02/1916). Son of Mrs. Isabella Fisher, 20 Baltic Avenue, Belfast. Thiepval Memorial. ADM/171

+FORBES, Neill

RNVR. AB. Z/1595. Nelson Btn RND. Died 15/06/1915 of wounds in East Gully Dressing Station. Age 30. Enlisted 29/10/14 ; Benbow Battalion B/127 22/02/1915, transferred to Nelson Battalion 12/06/1915-15/06/1915. Born John Street, Ballymoney 06/06/1885. A Coppersmith. Resided with parents, John & Mary Forbes, at 27 Ingleston St., Greenock, Renfrewshire. Son of John Forbes, Greenock. Skew Bridge Cemetery. Dardanelles. Ballymoney WM

+GALLACHER, Charles

RNVR. RND. Clyde Z 1876. Collingwood Battalion. Died 04/06/1915. Enlisted in the RNVR 31st October 1914 ; Collingwood Battalion 'D' Company 4th Platoon 04/03/1915-04/06/1915. Son of Mary McAlpine. Born 13/05/1896 Gallipoli. Londonderry, The Diamond WM

GAMBLE, Thomas

RNVR. AB. Clyde Z/4951. Anson Btn. RND. Died 13/11/1916. Enlisted 03/06/1915 ; Draft for MEF (Bomber) 25/10/1915, joined Anson Battalion 22/11/15-19/12/15 GSW right arm, rejoined Anson Battalion 26/1/16-13/11/16 Discharged Dead. No record of contemporaneous burial (body recovered post-war) ; An apprentice Plater. Born Coleraine 18/06/1896. Son of Thomas Gamble, 22 Second Ave., Clydebank, Glasgow. Cayeux Cemetery, France. Coleraine WM. ADM/171

+GORDON, Mick

RND. Private. Hawke Battalion. Died 03/02/1917. Annette St., Belfast. IMR

+GRAHAM, William

RMLI. Private. Died 13/11/1916. Embarked Royal Marine Brigade 05/12/1915 (per HMT "Northlands" arrived Alexandria 17/12/1915). Mother, M. Graham, 137 Snugvile St., Belfast. ADM/171

+GRAY, John

RMLI. Private. CH/298(S), Chatham Battalion. Enlisted Belfast 22/09/1914. He served on the Gallipoli Peninsula, Turkey, and died on 03/06/1915 in 17th General Hospital

Alexandria, Egypt, of wounds received at the Dardanelles. Age 29. Born in Coleraine 15/08/1886. Son of James and Sarah Gray, Burnside, Portstewart, and brother of Mrs. McKee, Donegall Road, Belfast. Alexandria (Chatby) Military and War Memorial Cemetery (Egypt). Portstewart WM, Agherton Parish Church RH, Portstewart Presbyterian Church WM, PCI RH. Donegall Road - PCI RH

+GUINEY, Robert

RMLI. Private. CH/1505(S). 1st RM Battalion. RND. Died of illness in 1st (RN) Field Ambulance 09/02/1917. Enlisted 25/02/1916 age 23 years 1 month. Embarked Royal Marine Brigade 19/07/1916 ; Draft for BEF 25/09/1916, joined 4th Entrenching Battalion 10/11/1916, joined 1st Royal Marine Battalion 25/11/1916-09/02/1917. Son of Robert Guiney, Templepatrick. Aveluy Wood Cemetery, Mesnil - Maartinsart.

+HANNON, Malachy

RNVR. RND. Able Seaman. Hawk Battalion. Died 13/11/1916. Age 23. Born 14/06/1893. 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 9/9/1915, 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. Son of James Hannon, Railway Cottage, Stewartstown and

later of Grove Street, New City Road, Glasgow. Thiepval Memorial MR 21. Stewartstown WM

+HAYES, Joseph Lewis

RMLI. PO/18251. 1st RM Battalion RND. Died 09/10/1918 of wounds in 29th Casualty Clearing Station (wounded 08/10/1918). Age 21. Embarked Royal Marine Brigade 30/7/15-13/3/16 (joined 2nd Royal Marine Battalion at Cape Helles 20/08/1915); Nov. 1915 Trench Foot, both feet, due to prolonged exposure in bad weather at Cape Helles ; Embarked Royal Marine Brigade (2nd Occasion) 19/04/1918 ; 1st Royal Marine Battalion Draft for BEF 24/06/1918. Son of Charles and Lilian Hayes, Roberts Rd., Leicester. Born Belfast 09/01/1897. Delsaux Farm Cemetery, Beguny.

HEANEY, James

RNR. RND. Leading Stoker 299814. RFR/ B/ 5603. Howe Btn. Died. 04/06/1915. Reported by Mersey Z/195 AB James Tyrer Caldwell RNVR, 'A' Company, Howe Battalion: "Was seen lying dead, after returning from trenches." Enlisted in RN 08/12/1902 ; Enrolled in RFR 08/12/1914; Howe Battalion A/168 15/09/1914-04/06/1915. "Leading Stoker Heaney - a member of Waterside Presbyterian Church and Churchhill Loyal Orange Lodge 871 - had twelve years' service on the navy, and served with the naval division at Antwerp. His name was read aloud during a special memorial service held in First Derry Presbyterian Church, on Friday, August 4, 1916, to pay tribute to the Presbyterian soldiers of the city of Londonderry, who had died during the first two years of the Great War." Son of William and Annie Heaney, 25 Benwarden Avenue Waterside, Londonderry. Helles Memorial, Turkey.

Londonderry, The Diamond WM. Waterside - PCI RH.
ADM339

+HILL, George

RMLI. Private. CH/430S. Chatham Battalion RND. Died 12/12/1915. Age 21. Chatham Battalion MEF 06/02/1915 -about 28/4/15 BW & Sprained Ankle, rejoined Chatham Battalion (undated)-15/07/1915 Exhaustion, rejoined 1st Royal Marine Battalion (undated)-28/11/1915 Syncope, rejoined 1st Royal Marine Battalion 01/12/1915-12/12/1915. Born Belfast 25/04/1894. Son of George and Sarah Hill, Dundee St., Belfast. Redoubt Cemetery, Helles.

+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 Son of Charles Edward and Annie Hill, 126 Donaghadee Rd., Bangor. Tynecot Memorial. Bangor Purple Star LOL No. 677 RH. First Bangor - PCI RH

+HOLLOWAY, George Alexander

RMLI. CH/416/S. Chatham Btn RND. Died 19/8/1915 of wounds in 11th Casualty Clearing Station. Age 20. Chatham Battalion MEF 06/02/1915-29/04/1915 GSW left shoulder, rejoined Chatham Battalion (undated)-18/08/1915 wounded. Born Dublin 30/09/1894. Son of George and Ada R. Holloway, Jameson St., Belfast. Lancashire Landing Cemetery, Turkey (including Gallipoli).

+JOHNSTON, Frederick

RMLI. Private. PLY/15664. 1st RM Battalion RND. Died 27/09/1918. Age 23. Enlisted 22/04/1912 ; HMS "Ajax" 31/10/1913-31/03/1917 ; Embarked Royal Marine Brigade

18/05/1917 - 26/10/1917. Son of Frederick Johnston, 69 Hornby St., Belfast. Moeuvres Communal Cemetery extension. ADM/159, 242

JOHNSTON, James Barlow

RNVR. RND. Sub - Lieutenant. Hawke Btn, 63rd Naval Division. Died 08/10/1918. Age 21. Ex-WR/341881 Sapper Royal Engineers, Inland W Commissioned Temporary Sub Lieutenant RNVR 27/03/1918 ; Draft for BEF 10/08/1918, joined Hawke Battalion 19/09/1918-8/10/1918. Born 29/01/1897. Son of Philip and Edith Elizabeth Arden Johnston, of Ardagh, Earlswood Road, , Strandtown, Belfast. Cambrai East Military Cemetery, France. Strandtown WM. QUB WM. ADM339.

+LONG, Samuel

RMLI. Private. PLY/471/S. Plymouth Battalion. RND. Died 03/05/1915.

(Killed in action 'Y' Beach 25-26/04/1915). Son of Alexander Long, Tower St., Belfast. Gallipoli. Helles Memorial.

+MAXWELL, William Leigh,

RM. Lieutenant Colonel. Headquarters Staff , 2 Brigade RND. Served in the Antwerp Expedition as Brigade Major and was mentioned in despatches. He was killed in action at the Dardanelles 12/05/1915. Son of Mr David A Maxwell

formerly of Belfast. Methodist College, Belfast. Skew Bridge Cemetery

+McALINDEN, John

RNVR. AB. Clyde Z/5173. Anson Battalion RND. Died 18/4/1917. Age 19. Enlisted 07/06/1915 ; Draft for MEF 25/10/1915, joined Anson Battalion 22/11/1915 -28/04/1917. Son of Joseph McAlinden, of 5, Majorca St., Belfast. Arras Memorial, Bay 1

+McCORMICK, Ian Campbell

RNVR. Sub-Lieutenant. Hood Battalion, 189th Brigade, 2nd Royal Naval Division. Died 24/01/1917. Aged 21. Commissioned Temporary Sub Lieutenant RNVR 21/09/1915; Draft for BEF 30/11/1916, joined Hood Battalion 14/12/1916-24/01/1917 Born 26/04/1895. Son of John and Margaret McCormick (nee Campbell), Craigroyston, Knock, Belfast. John McCormick was the Belfast Town Solicitor. Hamel Military Cemetery, Beaumont Hamel, Somme, France. Strandtown WM. St Columba's Parish Church, Knock WM. ADM339.

+McGOWAN, David

RNVR. RND. AB. KX/432. Howe Btn. Died 06/05/1915. Age 24. Enlisted in the Durham Light Infantry 1st Sept. 1914 and transferred to the RNVR 9th Sept. 1914 ; Hood Battalion B/ 212 9/9/14-6/5/15 Discharged Dead. Born Coatbridge 17th Sept. 1891. An Iron Worker. Son of John McGowan, of Ringclare, Donaghmore, Newry, Co.Down, & resided at 75 North Square, Gert Skerric, Coatbridge, Scotland, on enlistment. ; 1914 Star issued to father 19/4/21, V.B. issued to Father. Helles Memorial, Gallipoli. Glascar - PCI RH.

+McGOWAN, Henry

RMLI. Private. PLY/17670. Plymouth Contingent, RND. Volunteered for active service, enlisting in Belfast in November 1914, giving a false date of birth. He served on the Gallipoli Peninsula, Turkey, in 1915. Embarked Royal Marine Brigade 09/05/1915 (joined Battalion at Cape Helles 30/05/1915). And later in France. He was killed in action, aged 17 years, in France on 21/06/1916. Son of Daniel (fisherman) and Hannah McGowan, Mullaghacall, Portstewart. Bois-de-Noulette British Cemetery, Aix-Noulette, France. Portstewart WM. Agherton Parish Church WM. Agherton Parish Church RH

+McILWRATH, James

RMLI. Private. PLY/18372. 1st RM Bn RND. Died 06/04/1918. Age 19. Enlisted 31/08/1915 ; Embarked Royal Marine Brigade 08/11/1917. Son of Alexander and Sarah McIlwrath, Queen Victoria St., Connswater, Belfast. Pozieres Memorial, Panel 1. Megain Memorial - PCI RH

+McINTEE, Charles

RMLI. Private. PLY/647(S). 2nd RM Battalion RND. Died 26/10/1917. Age 25. Deal Battalion MEF 28/2/15-23/8/15 Diarrhoea, Invalided to UK 9/10/15 ; Draft for BEF at Base Depot 25/9/16-6/1/17 to RFC as Aerial Gunner on probation, rejoined 2nd Royal Marine Battalion 26/2/17-27/4/17 Self Inflicted GSW left hand (28 days Field Punishment No.1), rejoined 2nd Royal Marine Battalion 14/8/17-26/10/17 Served as Patrick Joseph McCarty, True name Charles McIntee. Son of Edward and Mary McIntee, Park St., Belfast. Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

+McLAUGHLIN, Thomas

RNB/RND. Chief Petty Officer. Clyde Z/245. Nelson Btn. Died 28/12/1915. Age 27. Mediterranean Expeditionary Force. He was killed in action, at Achi Baba, Gallipoli Peninsula, Turkey. Formerly served 6 years RNVR, re-enlisted 17/09/1914 ; Collingwood Battalion 'A' Company 1st Platoon 04/02/1915-04/06/1915 GSW right elbow, joined/transferred to Nelson Battalion 15/08/1915-28/12/1915. Rated Leading Seaman 12/10/1914, Petty Officer 28/11/1914, Chief Petty Officer 18/09/1915 ; Born 28/11/1888. A Cargo Checker. Brother of Mrs. Martha McQuarrie, of 12 Apsley Street, Partick, Glasgow, Lanarkshire. Resided with sister. His father James McLaughlin from Coleraine lived in Glasgow; and his uncle and aunt, Thomas and Kathleen Millar, lived in the Orange Hall, Portstewart. Helles Memorial, Gallipoli, Panel 8. Coleraine WM.

+McMASTER, James Andrew

RMLI. Private. PLY/17781. 2nd RM Battalion RND. Died 17/09/1916. Age 20. Embarked Royal Marine Brigade 05/12/1915 (per HMT "Northlands" arrived Alexandria 17/12/15), joined 2nd Royal Marine Battalion at Mudros 26/01/1916-17/09/1916. Son of Thomas and Mary Jane McMaster, Wayland St., Belfast

+McQUILLAN, William

RN.Stoker 1st Class. Ch/SS/100594. Hood Btn. RND. Died 04/06/1915. Age 36. Enlisted in RN 29/01/1904 ; Enrolled in RFR 30/01/1909 ; Hood Battalion A/90 17/09/1914 - 04/06/1915. Reported KIA by Stoker A. Blackmore. Born Belfast 08/04/1880. In civil life he was employed as a

labourer. Husband to Sarah Ann McQuillan, Tenth St., Belfast. 1914 Star issued to widow 29/05/1920. Shankill Rd Mission - PCI RH.

+MILLS, Frederick James Greer

RMLI. Private. PLY/16454. Plymouth Btn. RND. Died 15/09/1915. Age 22. Enlisted Belfast 27/10/1913 ; Plymouth Battalion at Dunkirk and Defence of Antwerp 19/09/1914 -12/10/14 ; MEF 06/02/1915-15/9/15. Awarded Cert. by GOC RND for Courageous and Gallant Conduct in the Field ; A Railway Signaller ; born Belfast 08/04/1894. 1914 Star and clasp issued to father 14/07/1921. Son of John and Annie Mills, of Marino, Holywood. Pink Farm Cemetery, Helles. Holy Trinity, Glencraig Parish, WM

+MILLS, Thomas Alexander

RM. Private. PLY/16717. Plymouth Btn. RND. Died 03/05/1915. Aged 17. A member of Ebrington Presbyterian Church, and Murray Parent Club of Apprentice Boys of Derry, he joined the colours a few weeks before the declaration of war, being then engaged as an apprentice collar cutter in the factory of Messrs. Lowry & Porter. He served with the Plymouth Battalion at Dunkirk 19/09/1914-12/10/1914 ; and with the MEF 06/12/1915-26/04/1915.

He formed part of the 29th Division engaged in the landing operations at the Dardanelles. Private Mills was initially reported missing at the Dardanelles, and his father, having written to the Admiralty inquiring about his son, received the following communication from the officer in charge of records, Royal Naval Division: 'The very great number of the enquiries received in this office in respect of members of the

Royal Naval Division on active service renders it impossible to reply personally in each case. Correspondents, therefore, receiving this form are asked to be so good as to understand it to signify that the Record Office has no news (or, in cases where a previous report has been made, no further news) of the subject of their inquiry. In all cases where information is received a personal communication will be made at once to the next of kin. With reference to men reported wounded, it is to be observed that a telegram from the base office at Alexandria states "all wounded can be assumed progressing satisfactorily unless reported seriously ill." These reports as to serious condition are telegraphic, and are communicated immediately to the relatives by this department.'

The name of Thomas Alexander Mills was read aloud during a special memorial service held in First Derry Presbyterian Church, on Friday, August 4, 1916, to pay tribute to the Presbyterian soldiers of the city of Londonderry, who had died during the first two years of the Great War.

Enlisted Belfast 09/06/1914 ; Born Templemore, Londonderry 01/03/1897. Son of Alexander and Margaret Mills, of 6 Orchard Row, Londonderry. Alexander served with the 1st Inniskillings through the South African War, and held the King's Medal, with two clasps, the Queen's Medal, with five clasps, and the Distinguished Service Medal. Helles Memorial. Ebrington - PCI RH. Londonderry, The Diamond WM

+MORGAN, D

RND. Londonderry, Foyle College RH

+MORRISON, Alexander Thompson

RMLI. Corporal. PO/16397. 1st RM Battalion, RND. MM. Died 06/10/1918. Age 24. Enlisted Belfast 13/8/1912 ; Embarked Royal Marine Brigade 05/12/1915 (per HMT "Northlands" arrived Alexandria 17/12/1915).

Appointed Paid Lance Corporal 03/02/1917, promoted Acting Corporal 20/01/1918. Awarded the MM (Logeast Wood 21/08/1918, Lance Corporal 1st Royal Marine Battalion) London Gazette 11/2/19. Papers misfiled in ADM/157/2705 ('M's 1917) ; A Labourer (Town) ; born. Stirling, Stirlingshire 12/7/1895. Son of James and Emily Morrison, My Lady's Rd., Belfast. Hermies Hill British Cemetery, Pas de Calais

+MORRISON, Thomas

RMLI. Private. PLY/17545. 2nd RM. Battalion. RND. Died France 22/02/1917. Served previous in Dardanells. Embarked Royal Marine Brigade 18/08/1915 (joined Battalion at Cape Helles 02/09/1915). Son of Robert Morrison, Tobergill St., Belfast. Dernancourt Communal Cemetery, Somme, France

To be continued



Roll of Honour – November 2

*Representing their comrades who died on
this day*

1914

+NESBITT, Thomas John

Cameronians (Scottish Rifles). 1st/8th Btn. Private. 292009. Died 02/11/1917. Records show he enlisted with the Royal Irish Fusiliers on 07/09/1914 and being discharged on 24/11/1914. He must have re-enlisted later. Born Richhill. Son of Hugh and Annie Nesbitt. By 1891 the family was living in Govan, Glasgow. He was husband to Matilda Marshall. Gaza War Cemetery. Israel and Palestine (including Gaza)

+SPROULE, Robert

Irish Guards, 1st Bn. Private. 3387. Died 02/11/1914, of wounds received in France. Aged 22. Son of George and Bridget Sproule, of Bearney, Strabane. Boulogne Eastern Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France

+WHITESIDE (WHITE), George

2nd Dragoons (Royal Scots Greys). Private. 5061. Died 02/11/1914 in an action on the Wytschsete road, south of Ypres. Age 32. George was working in Glasgow when he enlisted. Some records, including his will, show his surname as White. Son of William and Annie Whiteside, of Laurel Vale, Tandragee, Co. Armagh, and the late William Whiteside. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium

1916

+ALLEN, J

Royal Irish Rifles, 15th Btn. Rifleman. 3409. Died 02/11/1916. Age 24. Husband of Elizabeth Allen, of 14, Haddow St., Belfast. Bailleul Communal Cemetery Extension, France

+CUNNINGHAM, E

Leinster Regiment, 7th Btn. Private. 2336. Died 02/11/1916. Son of Mrs. M. Cunningham, of 15, Upper Library St., Belfast. Milltown Roman Catholic Cemetery, Belfast

1917

+BLACK, William

Royal Irish Rifles. 15th Btn. Rifleman. 19/5. Died 02/11/1917. Born Whitehouse, Co. Antrim. Pre-war he was a mechanic at Kinnaird & Co, fancy linen manufacturers of Bankmore St. Belfast. A member of the Ligoniel Total Abstiners LOL 565 and the UVF. He had a child. Metz-en-Couture Communal Cemetery, British Extension, France

+DALE, James

Royal Scots, 1st/4th Bn. (Lothian Regiment). Private. 45945.

Died 02/11/1917. Aged 35. Son of Mrs. Jane Wood, of 2, Marshall Place, Partick, Glasgow. Born at Larne, Co. Antrim. Gaza War Cemetery, Israel and Palestine

+GAVIN, Noel John Hay

RAMC. Captain. MC and Bar. Died 02/11/1917. Attached 14 Btn RIRifles (Y.C.V. Ben). MC 04/07/1917. Bar 18/10/1917. This tribute was written by a Y.C.V. "Attached as M.O. to the 14th Battalion Irish Rifles, he died in France on Nov. 1st, 1917, as the result of an accident while riding up to the trenches at night along a wooded road. His horse took fright, bolted, slipped and fell, throwing Captain Gavin on his head, and inflicting such serious injuries that he died shortly after reaching the casualty clearing station. He was buried the following day in the local cemetery. For services in the field he had been awarded a M.C. and bar." (In Memoriam, 1914-1918, Wanganui Collegiate School). QUB/Edinburgh Univ 1904. Faculty of Medicine 02/11/1917. Son of Mrs Gavin, The Vicarage, Taranaki, New Zealand. Rocquiny - Equancourt Road, British Cemetery, Manancourt, France. Whanganui Collegiate School RH

1918

Nine days before the Armistice was signed and the war ended.

+GILLILAND, James

Royal Garrison Artillery, V Anti-Aircraft Bty. Lance Bombardier. 201057. Died 02/11/1918. Age 28. Served at Gallipoli. Son of William and Martha Gilliland, of 8, Milner St., Belfast. Cremona Town Cemetery, Italy

+HAIRE, Albert Frederick

Royal Navy. H.M. Motor Lighter X 216. Stoker 1st Class. SS/101089. Order of St. Stanislas (Russian). Died 02/11/1918. Age 30. Son of Wm. John and Amelia Haire; husband to Rowena Haire, of 72, Wilgar St., Belfast. Ste Marie Cemetery, Le Havre, France

+JEFFERS (Jamfrey), William

Seaforth Highlanders. 2nd Btn. Private. S/2127. Died 02/11/1918. William Jamfrey was eldest son of Thomas and Elizabeth Jamfrey. He was born on 10/04/1888 in Omagh. Interesting he was named William Jeffers. He was one of seven children. All the children were born in Cookstown except William. By 1911 William, his brother and his father were all employed as railway porters. The 1911 census lists William Jamfrey as age 22, living with the family at house 1 in Coolnafranky, Cookstown. From then on his surname was 'Jeffers'. William Jamfrey's brother. James Jamfrey, enlisted in the Royal Navy about 1919. He was killed in World War Two on 02/10/1942. Family moved to Bangor. St Souplet British Cemetery, Nord, France

+McGREGOR, J

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 3rd Btn. Private. 27779. Transf. to Labour Corps, 300th Reserve Coy. . Private. 489872. Died 02/11/1918. Age 28. Son of Eliza McGregor, of Roemill Rd., Limavady, Co. Londonderry, and the late W. McGregor. St Canice's Roman Catholic Burial Ground, Roe Mill

+McGRORY, Michael

Machine Gun Corps (Infantry), 35th Btn. Private. 27320. Died 02/11/1918. Age 34. He was wounded in one of the last actions of the war and died days before the Armistice. Enlisted at Hamillton with the Highland Light Infantry (24808). By 1911 his father had died and he and his brother were running the farm. He moved to near Manchester and was employed as a steelworker. Son of James McGrory and Bridget McGrory, of Carrickaduff, Carnagh, Keady. Kezelberg Military Cemetery, Belgium

+SUTHERLAND, George Hay

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 9th Btn. Lieutenant. Died 02/11/1918. Age 43. Son of Alexandre and Mary Sutherland, of Larne. Terlincthun British Cemetery, Wimille, France

+USSHER, Archibald

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 6th Btn. Private. 31509. Died 02/11/1918. Age 20. Born at Belfast. Stepson of Mrs. Elizabeth Ussher, of 18, Jersey St., Belfast. Roisel Communal Cemetery Extension, France

1940

+COCHRANE, William Lindley Bloomer

RAFVR. Pilot Officer. 74596. Died 02/11/1940. Aged 21. Son of William Lindley Bloomer Cochrane and Margaret Winifred Cochrane, of Bray, Co. Wicklow. North Weald Bassett (St. Andrew) Churchyard, Essex. 502 (Ulster) Squadron WM, St Anne's Cathedral, Belfast

+McGALE, Joseph

RN. Ordinary Telegraphist. P/JX 174777. Date of Death: 02/11/1940. Age:21. H.M. Trawler Rinovia. Son of James and Annie McGale, Beragh. Portsmouth Naval Memorial, Panel 40

1941

+WHALMSLEY, Charles Henry

RNVR. Lieutenant. MiD. Died 02/11/1941 in HM Submarine Tetrarch off Sicily. Age 27. After a period of intense action, Lt. Walmsley was hitching a lift from Malta to the UK on the submarine Tetrarch. Mentioned in Despatches (posthumously), London Gazette 07/04/1942. He had completed seventeen Central Mediterranean War Patrols with HM Ships Unbeaten, Upholder and Ursula. Torpedoed three large escorted Italian transports off Tripoli 18/09/1941. Sank the Italian Torpedo Boat Albatross off Cape Rascolmo, north Sicily on 27/09/1941. Tetrarch sailed from Alexandria on 17/10/1941 for Malta to adjust complement before proceeding to refit in USA. The submarine arrived at Malta on 24/10/1941, and left again on 26/10/1941 at 1700. Routing instructions were communicated from Gibraltar by the Flag Officer Commanding North Atlantic on the afternoon of 25th and also requested that she report her position, course and speed. Tetrarch did not respond and was never seen again. The loss cannot be ascribed to any known enemy anti-submarine attacks, and it was assumed that mining was the most likely cause of her loss beyond the Sicilian Channel off Cavioli island. Son of James Charles and Margaret Walmsley, Kilkeel, brother of Basil Walmisley, Knockdene Pk., Belfast. Valetta WM.

1942

+WHITE, J

Royal Artillery. Gunner. 1839643. Died 02/11/1942. Bangor Cemetery

1943

+KIRKPATRICK, James

Ceylon RNVR. Sub - Lieutenant (E). Died 02/11/1943. Age 27. Admiralty Hospital, Ceylon. Son of Charles Magill Kirkpatrick MBE, and Lucy K Kirkpatrick, St. John's Park, Belfast. (Belfast Weekly Telegraph 26/11/1943). Colombo (Liveramentu) Cemetery, Sri Lanka.

+UPTON, Albert

RAFVR. Sergeant. 1456621. Died 02/11/1943. Aged 21. Son of F. and Alice Upton; husband to Sara Upton, of Islandmagee. Runnymede Memorial, Panel 168

1944

+BINGHAM, William John

RAFVR. Sergeant. 1796293. Died 02/10/1944. Aged 20. 114 Sqdn. Son of James and Maria Bingham, of Greencastle. Argenta Gap War Cemetery, Italy

+DUKE, Andrew

RM. Marine. PLY/X 3651. Died 02/11/1944. Aged 25. No. 47 R.M. Commando. Former member of 3rd. Belfast Company, Boys' Brigade. Brother of William (RAF) and John (RN). Son of John and Sarah Duke, Alliance Rd., Belfast. (Belfast Weekly Telegraph 01/12/1944). Bergen-op-Zoom War Cemetery, Noord-Brabant, Netherlands

+GREER, Robert

Royal Marines. Sergeant. CH/X 3121. Died 02/11/1944. Aged 36. Fellow Marine Robert Clark (CH/X 111645) died alongside him off the coast of Belgium during the Battle of Walcheren. Born 12/12/1907 at 15 Dagmar Street, Belfast. Son of Robert Greer and Mary Jane Greer (née Moorhead). His father died on 20/11/1909 when Robert was one year old. In 1915, a motor car struck Robert Greer as he crossed the road at Peter's Hill, Belfast. He sustained serious head injuries and an ambulance transported him to the Royal Victoria Hospital. On 12/09/1931, Robert married Margherita Guiseppa Carla Maria Joanna Whitworth, who was born in Senglea, Malta. The ceremony took place in St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church, Chatham, Kent. In 1939 the couple were living with their three children at 252 Pier Road, Gillingham, Kent. Oostende New Communal Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

+McILWAINE, Andrew

Ordinary Seaman. D/JX649841. Died 02/10/1944. Aged 19. HMS Wrangler. An accidental drowning whilst bathing at Royal Navy Rest Camp, Malta. Born Belfast 29/09/1925. Son of David and Isabella McIlwaine, of Monkstown, Co.Antrim. Capuccini Royal Navy Cemetery, Malta

+SPENCE, Samuel Oscar

RAFVR. Sergeant. 1901001. Died 02/11/1944. 415 Sqd. Son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Spence, of Cliftonville, Belfast. Runnymede Memorial, Panel 238.

1946

+COSGROVE, James Patrick

RAF. Leading Aircraftman. 546234. Died 02/11/1946. Aged 29. Son of Frank and Mary Cosgrove of Belfast; Husband to Elizabeth Cosgrove of Belfast. Milltown Roman Catholic Cemetery

+STEVENSON, Wilson

Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment. Officer Cadet. 6355702. Died 02/11/1946. Age 19. Served in the Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment during the Second World War. Born on 10/12/1927, he was the son of the late William Stevenson and Margaret Stevenson (née Kernohan) of Crankill, Ballymena, Co. Antrim. William and Margaret married on 23/07/1925 in Teeshan, Ballymena, before moving to Birkenhead, Merseyside, England, where Wilson was born. The couple also had a daughter Helen Margaret Stevenson born on 7th September 1935 who died in infancy on 15th November 1935. William received the Military Medal for gallantry in the field while serving as a Corporal with North Irish Horse in The Great War. He enlisted in November 1915 and served in France in 1916. He later worked in the hardware trade before his death on 12/11/1944. Officer Cadet Wilson Stevenson died as a result of a motorcycling accident in Liverpool, Lancashire, England. He was returning to his Regiment based at Warrington, Lancashire, England, and spent several weeks in hospital receiving treatment for his injuries. His death occurred at Winwick Military Hospital, Cheshire, England. The funeral service took place on the morning of 05/11/1946. Ballymena New Cemetery. His name does not feature on the Ballymena War Memorial.

VETERANS

DOUGLAS, Daniel

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 10th Battalion (the Derrys). Private. 19000, and later Private 223603, Labour Corps. He served in France. He, his wife, Sarah, and family lived at Roselick, Portstewart. Daniel was living at Atlantic Circle when he died on 02/11/1963, aged 82 years; he was buried in Agherton Cemetery. He is commemorated on Portstewart Presbyterian Church's Roll of Honour and the Roll of Honour of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. Coleraine Chronicle of 23-03-1918; Northern Constitution of 11-12-1915 & 22-05-1920 (Unveiling Presbyterian Church's Memorial & Roll of Honour).

HENRY, Samuel Stuart

RAF (formerly RFC). Lieutenant. He volunteered for active service in September 1916 and served in France. He was officially reported missing on 15/11/1917 and it was later learnt that he had been taken as a prisoner of war by the Germans; he was repatriated on 27/11/1918. His parents, Mr. Samuel Reid (hotel proprietor & merchant) and Mrs. Jeannie Henry, lived at Dun Suivnish, Galvally, Portstewart; he was their eldest son and was born on 14/12/1897. His father was Chairman of Portstewart Urban District Council. Stuart was still living at Dun Suivnish when he died on 02/11/1965; he was buried in Agherton Cemetery. He is commemorated on Portstewart Presbyterian Church's Roll of Honour and the Roll of Honour of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. (Coleraine Chronicle of 24-11-1917, 15-12-1917, 26-01-1918, 18-05-1918, 07-12-1918 & 26-07-1919; Northern Constitution of 16-09-1916,

29-09-1917, 15-02-1919 & 22-05-1920 (Unveiling Presbyterian Church's Memorial & Roll of Honour).

HUGHES, W

11/12 Royal Irish Rifles. Enlisted Lisburn 02/11/1896.
Served to 27/10/1918.

MONTGOMERY, Henry

RNVR. Lieut. Born 02/11/1916. Son of Rev. W. E.
Montgomery, Formosa. Campbell College

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