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Battle of Britain Memorial, London

Birthday of a Belfast Battle of Britain pilot

Hugh Heron AFC was born in Belfast and left Inst to join the RAF. He took part in the Battle of Britain.

Born in Belfast on 22/11/1915, Hugh Michael Turretin Heron completed his education at RBAI. He joined the RAF in December 1938 on a short service commission and on



completion of initial training was posted to No 266 Squadron in the autumn of 1939, flying Fairey Battles.

In January 1940, Spitfires were received and they were first in action on 2 June over Dunkirk. On 27 July, Pilot Officer Heron went on a Fighter Navigation course which lasted to August 23.

Back again with 266, Heron damaged three Dornier 17s on 11th September. On this day he was posted to 92 Squadron at Biggin Hill but he then joined 66 Squadron at Gravesend from 92 Squadron on the 15th.



Heron probably destroyed a He111 and damaged another on the 18th September, probably destroyed a Dornier 17 and damaged another on the 27th and claimed a Me109 destroyed on the 30th.

He flew his last sortie with 66 on 10th October 1940. Heron was posted to RAF Biggin Hill on the 14th as non-effective sick.

In December 1940, he left No 66 Squadron and spent the remainder of his RAF service as an instructor. Awarded the AFC in September 1945 (London Gazette September 7, 1945), he left the service in 1946 as a Squadron Leader.

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Dear Mr Attard,

Bearing in mind that a number of "The Few" have died in recent years, I am impressed by the fact that since you started collecting autographs you already have collected 115 signatures.

It is kind of you to make a donation to the Battle of Britain Fighter Association for "Operation Homecoming II".

As requested, I have signed both your gummed labels and now return them in the s.a.c. which you kindly provided.

May your keen interest prove rewarding and bring you new friends.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely

H.M.T. Heron

Letter from Heron to collector of signatures of Battle of Britain survivors who was raising funds for "Operation Homecoming II"

In April 1940 he married Dorothy Sybil Mason, a War Office secretary, at Chipping Norton. He died at Brighton in September 2002.

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On this Day – November 22

1914

1914

First Battle of Ypres, (October 19–November 22, 1914), first of three costly WW1 battles centred on the city of Ypres (now Ieper) in western Flanders. Attempted flank attacks by both the Allies and the Germans failed to achieve significant breakthroughs, and both sides settled into the trench warfare that would characterize the remainder of the war on the Western Front.

1918

The Belgian Royal family returned to Brussels after the war, with King Albert 1 of Belgium having commanded the Allied army group in the autumn Courtrai offensive which liberated his country.

French forces occupied the former German-held region of Alsace-Lorraine.

1939

German aircraft parachute mines into the Thames Estuary.

1940

The Luftwaffe's heaviest raid on Birmingham; 11-hr raid causes 600 fires.

1941

All operational U-boats ordered to proceed to the Mediterranean or its approach.

A confused battle continues around Sidi Rezegh, with XXX Corps being forced to stop its advance towards Tobruk after the loss of many tanks and for the Tobruk break-out to be halted. Better news for XIII Corps though as it captures Sidi Omar and Capuzzo.

German auxiliary cruiser Atlantis is sunk in the South Atlantic by heavy cruiser HMS Devonshire after having sunk 22 Allied merchant ships.

Luftwaffe ace Werner Mölders killed in landing accident while a passenger on a German He 111 bomber, the first pilot in the world to achieve over 100 victories.

1942

The Soviet 4th Mechanized Corps from the south and the 4th Tank Corps from the north, join hands at Kalach on the Don, thus establishing the complete encirclement of the 300,000 men of 6th and 4th Panzer Army's. The Russians report gains of up to 50 miles south of Stalingrad.

1943

German troops complete the occupation of the islands of the Dodecanese in the eastern Mediterranean.

The RAF give Berlin the worst pounding so far, with more than 2,300 tons of bombs dropped in less than 30 minutes for the loss of just 26 planes.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Chinese leader Chiang Kai-shek met in Cairo to discuss measures for defeating Japan.

1944

Fighting in Metz is over but seven forts still hold out.

The RAF makes a second breach in the Dortmund-Ems Canal

US Third Army takes crucial town of Metz, France

1945

Thanksgiving is celebrated in America; Macy's parade resumes after being cancelled 1942-44.

The Hollywood Canteen closes after having entertained 4 million servicemen; 3000 volunteers included many movie stars.

Roll of Honour – November 22

Representing their comrades who died on this day

1915

+RAINEY, Robert

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 9th Btn. Private. 11042. Died 22/11/1915 of pneumonia. Age 22. Son of George and Mary Rainey of Garvaghey, Ballygawley. Robert was born about

1893 in Errigal, Ballygawley, Co. Tyrone. Private Rainey was one of three soldier sons. One brother, William George Rainey was killed and the other was discharged on account of wounds. Beauval Communal Cemetery, Beauval, Somme, France

1916

+BRADLEY, Charles

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Private. 27409. Died 22/11/1916. Age 25. Son of Charles and Maria Rooney Bradley. Born in Magherafelt about 1891. Joseph's father was a member of the Royal Irish Constabulary (R.I.C.). Joseph enlisted in Strabane. He was living in Newtownstewart at the time. No known grave. Commemorated on Thiepval Memorial, Thiepval, Somme

+McILVEEN, Robert

RNR. Stoker. 2092U. HMS Juno. Died 23/11/1916. Age 39. Son of William and Eliza McIlveen, Belfast; husband to Agnes McIlveen, 59 Cherryville St., Belfast. Portsmouth Naval Memorial, Panel 23

+MULHERON, John James

Royal Dublin Fusiliers, 10th Btn. Private. 26930. Died 22/11/1916. Age 23. Marlborough Training College, Dublin. School Assistant, St Mary's NS, Stockton on Tees. Brother of Private Patrick Joseph Mulheron, 9th Btn, Royal Dublin Fusiliers, Died 13/11/1916. Son of James and Mary Mulheron, 30 Lower Bennett St., Londonderry. Boulogne Eastern Cemetery

+NEILL, Ross Campbell

Royal Irish Rifles, 1st Btn. Serjeant. 4722. Died 22/11/1916. Son of William James Neill and Jane Neill née Campbell from Brownlow Terrace, Lurgan. Guards Cemetery, Lesboeufs, Somme, France

1917

+AGNEW, George

Royal Irish Rifles, 10th Btn. Rifleman. 17/1372. Died 22/11/1917. Born Kilbride 22/10/1896. By 1911 he was living in Gilbert St., Belfast. Enlisted with the 8th Btn. Son of Lizzie Agnew, 5 Gilbert St., Belfast. Cambrai Memorial, Louverval, France. Ballyclare WM

+AGNEW, John

Royal Irish Rifles, 12th Btn. Rifleman 18/817. Died 22/11/1917. Aged 42. Born on 16/05/1875 at Kells and in 1901 and 1911 was living at Tannaghmore, Shilvodan. Son of Samuel and Agnes Agnew, nee Crawford, both from Fenagh, Craigs, Cullybackey. Cambrai Memorial, Louverval.

+ALLEN, John

Royal Irish Rifles. 13th & 12th Battalions. B Coy. Rifleman. 17142. Died 22/11/1917. Age 23. Prior to enlisting in Comber John Allen worked as a farm labourer. He served with the 13th Btn Royal Irish Rifles in 108th Brigade of the 36th (Ulster) Division and he was wounded on 01/07/1916 at the Battle of the Somme. During his recuperation he was posted to the 18th Btn and when he was fit again for active service he was posted to the 12th Btn. On 24 /08/1917 he

made his will at Clandeboye. Born on 04/08/1894 in Killinchy Street, Comber. Son of Henry and Rebecca Allen (nee Ferguson) who were married on 13/01/1888 in Dundonald Presbyterian Church. The Allen family lived in the townland of Carnesure, Comber and later at 4 High Street, Comber. Henry Allen was a garden labourer and he and Rebecca had ten children. Prior to enlisting in Comber John Allen worked as a farm labourer. Bailleul Road East Cemetery, St Laurent-Blangy, Pas de Calais, France. Comber and District WM; Second Comber Presbyterian Church

+ANDERSON, William John

Royal Irish Rifles, 12th Btn. "C" Coy. Rifleman. 17147. Died 22/11/1917. Age 26. Son of Arthur and Margaret Anderson, of Roughfort, Mallusk, Co. Antrim. Enlisted from the Ulster Volunteer Force. Cambrai Memorial, Louverval, France

+ATKINSON, Hugh

Royal Irish Rifles, 10th Btn. Second Lieutenant. Mentioned in Despatches. Died 22/11/1917. Age 24. Son of Edward A. and Honoria J. Atkinson, of 617, Lisburn Rd., Belfast. Enlisted in 1914. Cambrai Memorial, Louverval Cemetery, Nord, France

+BEATTIE, Robert James

Royal Irish Rifles. 12th Bn. Rifleman. 19394. Died 22/11/1917. Born Rathmore near Antrim around 1895. Enlisted Antrim. In 1911 he was working as a linendryer and living with his aunt Sarah Janes Anderson at Hurtletoot.

Cambrai Memorial, Louverval, France. Antrim WM. High Street Presbyterian Church, Antrim, RH

+BEATTIE, William John

Royal Irish Rifles. 12th Btn. C Coy. Serjeant. 769. C Coy. 12th Btn. Died 22/11/1917 at Cambrai. Age 24. Born in Guilford, Co. Down, he enlisted at Lisburn possibly in A Company 11 RIR with whom he may have embarked from Bordon Camp for France as a Rifleman in October 1915. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Beattie, of 14, Linenhall St., Lisburn. Cambrai Memorial, Louverval, France

+BELL, Robert

Cameronians (Scottish Rifles), 2nd Btn. Private. 41772. Died 22/11/1917. Age 24. Enlisted in Kilmarnock. Previously served as Private 47588, in 6th/7th Btn Royal Scots Fusiliers. Son of John and Jane (nee Hunter) Bell, of Carnaughliss, Loanends, Muckamore, Co. Antrim. Oxford Road Cemetery, Belgium; Antrim Town WM; Loanends Presbyterian Church RH

+BLACK, Thomas Henry

Royal Irish Rifles, 15th Btn. A Coy. Rifleman. 12609. Died 22/11/1917. Age 19. Born West St., Portadown on 05/09/1898. Son of Robert and Margaret Black, of 27, Dandy St., Whitehouse, Belfast. Cambrai Memorial, Louverval, France. Whitehouse Parish Church RH

+BRADSHAW, Samuel

Royal Irish Rifles, 10th Btn. Rifleman. 780. Died 22/11/1917. Age 21. Son of Henry and Rachel Bradshaw, of 4, Courtrai St., Belfast. Cambrai Memorial, Louverval, France

+BURNS, Isaac

Royal Irish Rifles, 15th Bn. Rifleman. 11644. Died 22/11/1917. Age 38. Isaac Burns was born in Scotland to parents from Ulster. Family returned to Belfast when Isaac was a toddler. In 1913 he joined the North Belfast Ulster Volunteer Force and at the outbreak of WW1 joined the 36th Ulster Division. He fought in the Battle of the Somme (1916) with the 15th Battalion Royal Irish Rifles and survived when a bullet to the chest was stopped by a hymn book in his pocket. He received an award for gallantry in Aug 1917 for carrying up ammunition and bombs under heavy fire. Husband to Sarah Jane Burns, of 63, Brownlow St., Belfast. Cambrai Memorial, Louverval, France

+CALDWELL, James

Royal Irish Rifles, 12th Btn. Sergeant. 12/17393. Died 22/11/1917. Son of Robert. Born in Ballyhenry and lived in Carnmoney. Enlisted Mossley. Cambrai Memorial, Louverval, France. Carnmoney Presbyterian Church RH. Royal British Legion, Hyde Park Branch RH

+CAMPBELL, John

King's Liverpool Regiment, 13th Btn. Private 84821. Died 22/11/1917. He was born in Randalstown. Favreuil British Cemetery, Pas de Calais.

+CLEMENTS, Thomas

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 9th Btn. Serjeant. Military Medal.
17151. Died 22/11/1917. Age 20. Wounded at the Battle of
Langemarck on 16/08/1917. He returned to the front. Son of
Thomas and Jane Clements, of Ahorey, Portadown.
Cambrai Memorial, Louverval, France

+CLYDESDALE, John Alexander Wilson

Royal Irish Rifles, 15th Btn. Rifleman. 204. Died 22/11/1917.
Age 19. Son of Joseph and Annie Clydesdale, of Church-
street/New Bridge-street, Downpatrick. His brother died with
Royal Irish Rifles, 13th Btn, on 01/07/1916. Cambrai
Memorial, Louverval, France

+COOKE, George

Royal Irish Rifles, 1st Btn. Rifleman. 47442. Died
22/12/1917. Age 30. Son of the late George Cooke.

+DALZELL, Thomas Robinson

Royal Irish Rifles. 15th Btn. Rifleman. 47182. Formerly
(831201) Army Service Corps. Died 22/11/1917. Age 21.
Son of Hugh and Mary Dalzell, of 9, Derwent St., Belfast.
Cambrai Memorial, Louverval, France

+FEE, William

Royal Irish Rifles. 10th Btn. Rifleman. 568. Died 22/11/1917.
Age 17. Born Rashee, Ballyclare, 09/10/1899. Son of
Samuel Fee, of 53, Kilronan St., Belfast. His mother
Elizabeth had died on 21/08/1910 when the family lived in
Lilliput Street, Belfast. Cambrai Memorial, Louverval,
France. Ballyclare WM

+FLANAGAN, Hugh Edmond

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 9th (North Irish Horse) Btn. Lance Corporal. 41229. Died 22/11/1917. Age 21. Born at Alfred Street, Ballymena, on 06/06/1896, the third child of yarn dresser Robert Henry Flanagan and his wife Martha (nee Thompson). By 1911 the family was living in Dunmurry, and a few years later, at 129 Dunluce Avenue, Belfast. At that time Flanagan was working as a teacher in the Ulster Institution for the Education of the Deaf and Dumb and Blind at Lisburn Road, Belfast.

Flanagan enlisted in the North Irish Horse at Antrim between 1 and 03/05/1915 (No.1508). He embarked for France with F Squadron on 17 November that year. In June 1916 F Squadron joined with C 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. The regiment was then dismounted and most of its officers and men transferred to the 9th Battalion, Royal Irish Fusiliers – which was renamed the 9th (North Irish Horse) Battalion.

Like most of the men, Flanagan was transferred to the battalion on 20 September. He was issued a new regimental number – 41229. In November and December 1917 the 9th Battalion played a role in the Battle of Cambrai, first going into action in the attack on the village of Moeuvres on 22-23 November. Casualties for 22-23rd: Officers killed 1. Officers wounded 6. ORs 82 casualties. Flanagan was one of the 82 casualties. Initially reported as wounded and missing, nothing further was heard of him, and a year later he was officially presumed to have died 'on or since' 22 November 1917. As he has no known grave, Lance Corporal Flanagan

is commemorated on the Cambrai Memorial, Louverval Cemetery, Nord, France. His brother William Henry Murray Flannigan, (Royal Irish Rifles. 12th Btn. Rifleman.10310) died 13/04/1918 near Wulverghem. Age 23. He is remembered at Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium. Another brother, Guardsman Thomas Jamison Flanagan, Irish Guards, survived the war

+FORSTER, Edward John

Royal Engineers. Sapper. 64439. Died 22/11/1917. Age 24. Son of James and Maria Foster, Cushendall. Husband to Elizabeth, Provost Road, Dundee. Layde Church of Ireland Churchyard, Cushendall

+GLOVER, David

Royal Irish Rifles. 12th Btn. Rifleman. 878. Died 22/11/1917. Born Tirgracey, Muckamore on 07/07/1892. He was a farm labourer. He was a member of the UVF and of Diamond LOL 1422, Muckamore. Cambrai Memorial, Louverval, France. Antrim WM. Muckamore Orange Hall WM. St Jude's C of I Parish Church, Muckamore, WM

+GRAHAM, William John

Royal Irish Rifles. 18th Btn. att'd. 12th Btn. Second Lieutenant. Died 22/11/1917. Age 26. Son of William and Mary Graham, of 67, Coolderry St., Donegall Rd., Belfast. Cambrai Memorial Louverval, Nord, France

+HASLETT, Thomas Sinclair

Royal Irish Rifles, 10th Btn. Lieutenant. Died 22/11/1917. Age 20. "Educated at the Ballymena Academy, Campbell College and Foyle College. Joining the army in 1915, Lt. Haslett was posted to the 17th Btn. Royal Irish Rifles at Ballykinlar and

on a arrival at the front in the summer of 1916 was detailed to one of the Belfast Battalions of that regiment. Lt. Haslett played for Ulster in the Schools Inter-Provincial in two succeeding years and was one of the most promising halves in Ireland. He was a playing member of Ballymena Cricket Club” - Ballymena Observer. 30/11/1917. Cambrai Memorial Louverval, Nord, France

+HENDERSON, George York

Royal Irish Rifles, 10th Btn. Lieutenant. Died 22/11/1917. Age 24. Served in 36th (Ulster) Div. Train, Royal Army Service Corps as Capt. and Adj. before transferring voluntarily to Royal Irish Rifles. Son of the late Sir James Henderson, D.L. and of Lady Henderson, of Oakley House, Belfast. Cambrai Memorial, Louverval, France

+HOLMES, William John

Royal Irish Rifles. 12th Btn. Rifleman. 17890. Died 22/11/1917. Born West Division, Carrickfergus. Enlisted Mossley. Prior to the war he lived with his family in Ballyclare and worked as a cleaner in the local bleach green. Son of Alexander, a farmer, and Janet (nee Thompson) Holmes. Cambrai Memorial, Louverval, France. Straid Congregational Church RH

+HYNES, Samuel

Royal Irish Rifles, 8th/9th Btn. C Coy. Rifleman. 909. Died 22/11/1917. Age 21. Son of Hugh and Jane Hynes, of 36, Houston St., Ballyhackamore, Belfast. Cambrai Memorial, Louverval, France

+JAMISON, James Clawson

Royal Irish Rifles, 10th Btn. Captain. Died 22/11/1917. Age 32. Son of Alexander and Elizabeth Jamison, of "Florenceville," Ormeau Rd., Belfast; husband to Edith M. Jamison, of 177, Lisburn Rd., Belfast. Cambrai Memorial, Louverval Cemetery, Nord, France

+KENNEDY, David

Royal Irish Rifles. 15th Btn. Rifleman. 2821. Died 22/11/1917. Born Greencastle, Co. Antrim. Enlisted Belfast. He was a member of Belfast Harbour LOL 1883. His father David was a lighthouse keeper for Belfast Harbour Commissioners. He accidentally drowned by falling out of a boat at No.1 lighthouse in Belfast Lough. David Jnr and Annie Rice married in St Anne's Cathedral, Belfast, on 17/03/1899. Cambrai Memorial, Louverval, France

+LOGAN, Jonas

U.S. Army. 544th Engineer Regt. Private. Died 22/11/1917. Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Fere-en-Tardenois, France. Ballintoy Parish Church RH

+LOGAN, Samuel

Royal Irish Rifles. 12th (Service) Btn. (Central Antrim Volunteers). Corporal. 12/19605. Died 22/11/1917. Age 19. Son of James and Matilda (nee Turtle) Logan, of Edward Street, Harryville, Ballymena. Cambrai Memorial, Louverval, France. Ballymena and District WM. Ballymena First Presbyterian Church RH.

+MARTIN, William

Royal Irish Rifles, 12th Btn. Rifleman. 1684. Died 22/11/1917. Age 18. Son of Samuel and Catherine Martin, of 20, Carew St., Belfast. Cambrai Memorial, Louverval, France

+McBRIDE, Kirker Gibson

Royal Irish Rifles, 15th Btn. A Coy. Corporal. 12015 Died 22/11/1917. Age 21. Son of James and Elizabeth McBride, of 41, Upper Charleville St, Belfast. Cambrai Memorial, Louverval, France

+McCAUSLAND, David

Royal Irish Rifles. 12th Btn. Captain. Died 22/11/1917. Age 38. He served during the Boer War in the 133rd (Ulster) Squadron, 29th Battalion, Imperial Yeomanry (No.42931). He was discharged at his own request on 24/11/1902. According to the *Lisburn Standard*, McCausland "was so pleased with South Africa that he settled down in business there when peace was declared." There he worked as a commercial traveller, and served in the Duke of Edinburgh's Volunteer Rifles from 1905 to 1906. A year after the outbreak of WW 1 he left South Africa for England, just after marrying Jane Morgan at Blomfontein on 23/08/1915.

On 25 November he enlisted in the North Irish Horse at Antrim (No.1968). He was made acting lance corporal on 10 December and acting corporal a month later. When he enlisted McCausland had immediately applied for a commission in the North Irish Horse, or "failing that any Infantry Corps having a vacancy, Irish preferred." On 18/02/1916 he was made a 2nd lieutenant in the 19th (Reserve) Battalion, Royal Irish Rifles, and was sent for a

course of instruction at the regiment's depot in Cork. Soon after he was posted to the 12th Battalion, Royal Irish Rifles, and in June 1916 embarked for France, where he reported for duty at his new battalion on the Somme front.

In February 1917 McCausland was hospitalised at St Omer with severe influenza. On 22 March he was promoted to lieutenant. On 20/05/1917 the 12th Battalion was in the trenches at Kemmel on the Ypres front. Its war diary for the day records:

1.50 AM 2 enemy Raiding Parties of about 15 strong each attempted to enter our trenches at the 'Bull Ring' bombing their way as they approached. We opened heavy Lewis Gun fire on the Party also bombs which forced the enemy to withdraw. Loud groans were heard from the enemy's wounded. 2.30 AM Enemy attempted another attack on the same Post. He was met with bombs and Lewis Gun fire & again forced to withdraw, leaving two of his dead close to our parapet. 2nd Lt. D. McCausland was O.C. Bull Ring on both occasions and handled the situation in a cool & creditable manner.

The battalion saw action in the Battle of Messines on 07/06/1917. McCausland was wounded slightly but was able to return to duty after treatment at a dressing station.

On 20 July he was given the rank of acting captain.

In November and December 1917 the 12th Battalion played a role in the Battle of Cambrai, first going into action in the attack on the village of Moeuvres on 22 November. The battalion war diary for that day reads as follows:

Btn marched from the Hindenburg Line north of Hermies to relieve the 109th Inf Brig south of Moeuvres in order to attack and take the village. The 9th NIH R. Ir. Rif. In support. The Btn. HQ were near Canal du Nord on the Bapuame/Cambrai Road. Our forward command post under Capt. A. H. Hall was established at E2C.6.2.

10.30am – Under cover of artillery barrage, the Bn attacked the village of Moeuvres. ... All coys reached the northern edge of the village successfully. A Coy suffered the heaviest casualties as the 107th Brig. were unable to reach the objective on the eastern side of the Canal Du Nord and therefore the enemy brought heavy machine gun fire to bear on this coy.

3.30pm – Enemy was seen massing thickly for a counter attack north of Moeuvres.

4.30pm – Enemy counter attack commenced but was met with such stubborn resistance from A, D and C coys holding the front line that enemy only succeeded in driving us back over part of the ground which we had already taken. In this counter attack both officers and men fought gallantly, fighting every inch of ground which they were forced to yield. Two Coy commanders were killed during this counter attack (Capt. W. B. Stuart and Capt. D. McCausland). Capt. Stuart with his men refused to retire. He was shot in the throat but carried on giving our orders to his coy until he was again shot in the head and died. Capt. D. McCausland in a similar manner got out in front of his men and showed great courage until he was unfortunately killed.

Letters home from McCausland's battalion describing how he died were later published in the *Belfast News-Letter*

(404/01/1918). They carried the headline "As brave as a lion". The commanding officer says – "I regret to say that poor McCausland's body was not recovered by us, as he was killed in the fighting in the village of _____, which was not held by us. The only hope is that the Germans, who must have found his body, have buried him in a separate grave. This has been done by them before. As regards the way he was killed, I can only speak in the highest terms of his courage and (coolness?) in leading his men. He was first hit in the hand, losing a finger, but continued until later on in the afternoon, when he fell victim to a sniper's bullet. He was a very brave fellow, and I need hardly tell you that (?) a very great loss to his battalion and company. He was respected and liked by all, and I personally was extremely fond of him, and feel his loss most keenly. I miss his good-natured laugh. You all have my sincerest sympathy in your sorrow." According to a report in the *Lisburn Standard*, McCausland had been "recommended for a Military Cross for gallantry and devotion to duty." However the award did not eventuate. Born on 21/07/1879 at "Kinnycally", St Johnston. Son of David and Jane McCausland, of "Kinnycally," St. Johnston, Londonderry; husband to the late Janie McCausland (nee Morgan), of Bloemfontein, South Africa. Cambrai Memorial, Louverval, France

+McCAY, Thomas Fulton

Royal Irish Rifles. 10th Btn. Second Lieutenant. Died 22/11/1917. Son of Martha McCay of Drum, Dungiven, Londonderry and the late William McCay. Cambrai Memorial, Louverval, France

+McCLAY, Samuel

Royal Irish Rifles. 12th Btn. Rifleman. 6554. Died 22/11/1917. Born Craigarogan, Templepatrick on 07/06/1896 and lived in Mallusk. Enlisted Ballyclare. His brother Robert Joseph Allen McClay died on 21/03/1918 serving with the Royal Irish Rifles. Son of Frank McClay of Roughfort, Mallusk. Cambrai Memorial, Louverval, France. Templepatrick Presbyterian Church RH

+McDONALD, Edward Lawson

Royal Irish Rifles. 12th Btn. Lieutenant. Died 22/11/1917. He is mentioned at least twice in his Unit's War Diary with particular praise for his performances in action. Campbell College 1894 - 95. He worked as an insurance inspector. His brother Charles Seaver McDonald was a leading cardiologist at the National Heart Hospital, London. He also was a Surgeon Lieutenant RNVR during WW2. Their father was a stock and share broker. Son of James and Frances Ann (nee Seaver) McDonald, Glencoe, Antrim Road, Belfast. Cambrai Memorial, Louverval, France. Campbell College WM

+McFALL, Robert

Royal Irish Rifles. 12th Btn. Rifleman. 18/1135. Died 22/11/1917. From Larne

+McKEE, Alexander

Royal Irish Rifles, 10th Btn. Lieutenant. Died 22/11/1917. Age 32. Son of Agnes McKee, of 20, Madison Avenue, Antrim Rd., Belfast, and the late Alexander McKee. Cambrai Memorial, Louverval Cemetery, Nord, France

+McMILLAN, Robert James

Royal Irish Rifles. 15th Btn. Rifleman. 13170. Died 22/11/1917. Age 22. Enlisted Belfast. Son of Mrs. Jane McMillan, of 10, Oldpark Rd., Belfast. Cambrai Memorial, Louverval, France

+McMINN, William James

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 1st Btn. Private. 28151. Died 22/11/1917. Age 19. Son of John and Mary Jane McMinn of Coalisland. He was born in the parish of Derryloran, Cookstown. He was living in Motherwell and enlisted in Hamilton, Scotland with the 1st Battalion Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers some time in late 1916. He was wounded at the Battle of Cambrai and removed to hospital and later died of his wounds. Rocquigny - Euancourt Road British Cemetery, Rocquigny, Somme, France. Dungannon WM, Newmills Cofl Parish Church WM

+McNABB, Robert

Royal Irish Rifles. 12th Btn. Corporal. 18349. Died 22/11/1917. Age 21. Son of Mrs. Mary McNabb, of Islandcarragh, Bushmills. His brother John also fell. Cambrai Memorial, Louverval, France

+MILLAR, James

Royal Irish Rifles. 15th Btn. Corporal. 13279. Died 22/11/1917. Born in Donegore on 12/02/1885. Worked as a coal merchant. His father Andrew died on 05/02/1900 at home. His mother Sophia (nee McMullan) Millar later lived in Little George's St., Belfast. Cambrai Memorial, Louverval, France. Ballyclare WM

+MITCHELL, Joseph Henry

Royal Irish Rifles, 10th Btn. Lance Corporal. 983. Died 22/11/1917. Age 24. Husband of Elizabeth Mitchell, of 147, Manor St., Belfast. Cambrai Memorial, Louverval, France

+NELSON, Albert

Royal Irish Rifles. 12th Btn. Rifleman. 827. Died 22/11/1917. Age 22. Brother of Martha Nelson, of Carnesure, Comber. Cambrai Memorial, Louverval, France

+PETTY, William J

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 9th (North Irish Horse) Btn. Private. 41406. Died 22/11/1917. Age 26. Son of Francis Petty, of 32, Agincourt Avenue, Belfast, and the late Marion Petty. Cambrai Memorial, Louverval, France

Born on 21/08/1891 at 83 Grosvenor Street, Belfast, son of RIC sergeant Francis Petty and his wife Maria (nee Shaw). In 1911 he was living with his father, two sisters and a brother (his mother having died two years earlier) at 37 Broadway, St Anns, Belfast, and working as a draper.

It appears that soon after he emigrated to Canada. Around the time war was declared he enlisted in the 34th (Fort Garry Horse) Regiment at Winnipeg, Manitoba. However he then resigned in order to enlist in Ireland.

Petty joined the North Irish Horse at Antrim on 23/11/1915 (No.1944). He was made acting lance corporal on 10 December and acting corporal on 7 January the following year, before reverting to private at his own request on 4 April. The following month at Antrim he was disciplined for being absent off pass for two hours.

Petty embarked for France with a reinforcement draft on 03/08/1916, joining the 2nd North Irish Horse Regiment in the field at Flesselles eight days later.

In September 1917 the 2nd Regiment was dismounted and most of its officers and men were transferred to the 9th (Service) Battalion, Royal Irish Fusiliers – which was renamed the 9th (North Irish Horse) Battalion. Like most of the men, Petty was transferred to the battalion on 20 September. He was issued a new regimental number – 41406.

In November and December 1917 the 9th Battalion played a role in the Battle of Cambrai, first going into action in the attack on the village of Moeuvres on 22-23 November. Casualties for 22nd & 23rd: Officers killed 1. Officers wounded 6. ORs 82 casualties.

Petty was one of the 82 casualties. Initially reported as wounded and missing, nothing more was heard of him. In 1918 his father wrote to Army officials in Dublin:

It is now nearly three months since my son William J Petty ... was reported wounded and I have no further official news with regard to him since yours of the (26th?). Surely something must be known about him in 3 months. I cannot think he is alive or he would have written to me or got someone to write for him. Can you give me any further (..?..) regarding him if he is alive in France. If I knew even the worst it would relieve this terrible suspense. Hoping you will be able to give me some information for which I shall feel thankful.

It was not until October that year that Petty was officially recorded as 'presumed to have died on or since' 22 /

11/1917. As he has no known grave, Private Petty is commemorated on the Cambrai Memorial, Louverval, France.

+SCOTT, Walter Alexander

Royal Irish Rifles. 10th Btn. Second Lieutenant. Died 22/11/1917. Age 27. Son of Samuel Scott, of 16, Dunluce Avenue, Belfast; husband to Minnie Scott, of 14, Botanic Avenue, Belfast. Cambrai Memorial, Louverval, France

+SINCLAIR, Andrew

Royal Irish Rifles. 15th Btn. Serjeant. 13590. Died 22/11/1917. Born Whitehouse 12/07/1888. Enlisted Belfast. His older brother, George, was a Sapper in the Royal Engineers. A younger brother, William, was a prisoner of war. Son of Andrew and Susan (nee McCann) Sinclair, 5 Rose Cottage, Mill Road, Whitehouse. Andrew Jnr and Annie Cushley married in St Anne's Cathedral, Belfast, on 03/01/1917. At the time of Andrew's death his wife Annie was living at 54 Byron St., Belfast. Cambrai Memorial, Louverval, France. Whitehouse Presbyterian Church RH. Whitehouse Parish Church RH

+SIMMS, Thomas

Royal Irish Rifles, 1st Btn. Rifleman. 47448. Died 22/11/1917. Age 28. Son of Henry Simms, of 29, Malvern St., Belfast. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

+SCOTT, Walter Alexander

Royal Irish Rifles, 10th Btn. Second Lieutenant. Died 22/11/1917. Age 27 years old. Son of Samuel Scott, of 16,

Dunluce Avenue, Belfast; husband of Minnie Scott, of 14, Botanic Avenue, Belfast. Cambrai Memorial, Louverval, France

+STITT, Robert

Royal Irish Rifles, 15th Btn. Rifleman. 1458. Died 22/11/1917. Age 19. Son of Robert Henry and Margaret Stitt, of 13, Broom St., Woodvale Rd., Belfast. Cambrai Memorial, Louverval, France

+STUART, William Bruce George

Royal Irish Rifles. 12th Btn. Captain. Died 22/11/1917 at Moeuvres. Age 24. Son of William and Barbara Frances Stuart, of Mountearl, Ballymena. Cambrai Memorial, Louverval, France. Derrykeighan Churchyard.

Other members of the family served in the forces...

Lieutenant Leslie Ion Stuart was born in 1888 in Toronto, Canada, and was educated at Monkton Combe School, Bath, between 1901-06. When the war began Stuart was farming sheep in Australia. He returned home to Ballymena and in November 1915 applied for a commission in the North Irish Horse. Appointed a 2nd Lieutenant, he embarked for France on 26/08/1916, and there joined the 1st Regiment North Irish Horse. He was promoted to Lieutenant in July 1917 and in March 1918 transferred to the Machine Gun Base Depot at Camiers. He was subsequently posted to the 19th Hussars and, after about one month, to the 8th Hussars in 1918. He contracted 'colitis' at Arras in August and was in the UK until October 1918. He returned to Australia after the war, where he managed his uncle

George's 50,000 acre sheep station, Goolgumbra, in the Riverina country of NSW.

Lt. Charles Gage Stuart had served on the China Station during the Russo-Japanese War, 1904-05, and when the WW1 broke out he was on the cruiser HMS Glasgow, patrolling the south-east coast of South America. He was in the action with Von Spee's squadron on 01/11/1914. Von Spee outclassed Cradock's squadron and sank the British cruisers HMS Good Hope and HMS Monmouth off the coast of Chile at Coronel (Battle of the Coronel). HMS Glasgow got away damaged. It joined Sturdee's fleet in Port Stanley, Falkland Islands, and with battle cruisers, HMS Invincible and HMS Inflexible, and with cruisers HMS Carnarvon, HMS Cornwall, HMS Kent, and HMS Bristol, went on to inflict a serious defeat of the Germans. Six German ships including Spee's own flagship, SMS Scharnhorst, were sunk, with some 2,200 sailors drowned, amongst them von Spee and his two sons. The Dresden escaped but was sunk a little later and Lt. Stuart had the satisfaction of being on board his ship in the engagement. It was for his role in this latter action that he 'was presented on Wednesday, by the King, at Buckingham Palace, with the Distinguished Service Cross for 'meritorious service in connection with the sinking of the German Cruiser 'Dresden' on March 14th, 1915.' He was a nephew of Rear Admiral Leslie Stuart CMG.

+THOMPSON, James

Royal Irish Rifles, 15th Btn. Rifleman. 12971. Died 22/11/1917. Age 21. Son of Andrew and Catherine Thompson, of 33, Limestone Rd., Belfast. Moeuvres Communal Cemetery Extension, France

+THOMPSON, Robert James

Royal Irish Rifles, 15th Btn. Rifleman. 3408. Died 22/11/1917. Age 21. Son of James and Mary Ann Thompson, of 35, Hanover St., Belfast. Cambrai Memorial, Louverval, France

+VENARD, Edward

Royal Irish Rifles. 12th Btn. C Coy. Rifleman. 282. Died 22/11/1917. Age 38. He had been wounded on 17/02/1916 and returned to action. Pre-enlistment he worked as a flax dresser. Husband to Annie Venard, of 21, Mill Row, Tandragee. They had two sons and a daughter. Cambrai Memorial, Louverval, France

+WALES, George

Royal Irish Rifles, 15th Btn. Rifleman. 11758. Died 22/11/1917. Age 30. Husband of Sarah J. Walker, of 5, Salisbury Place, Ligoniel, Belfast. Cambrai Memorial, Louverval, France

+WALKER, Ronald McDonald

Royal Irish Rifles, 15th Btn. Rifleman. 11758. Died 22/11/1917. Age 30. Cambrai Memorial, Louverval, France

+WATSON, John

Royal Irish Rifles, 12th Btn. Rifleman. 47449. Died 22/11/1917. Age 27. Son of Agnes Watson, of 52, Egmont St., Belfast, and the late John Watson. Cambrai Memorial, Louverval, France

+WHARRY, James

Royal Irish Rifles, 12th Btn. Rifleman. 12/563. Died 22/11/1917. From Larne

+WILSON, William Alexander

Royal Irish Rifles. 13th Btn. transf. to 12th Bn. D Coy. Rifleman. 573. Died 22/11/1917. Age 20. Son of William and Sophia Wilson, of 2, Milfort Terrace, Banbridge. Cambrai Memorial, Louverval, France

+WRIGHT, Charles Seabourne

Royal Irish Rifles, 12th Btn. Rifleman. 3796. Died 22/11/1917. Age 19. Son of Charles Seabourne Wright and Letitia Wright, of 14, Coburg St., Belfast. Cambrai Memorial, Louverval, France

+WRIGHT, David

Royal Irish Rifles, 12th Btn. Rifleman. 1403. Died 22/11/1917. Age 19. Battle of Cambrai. Born 1898 in Laymore, Ballymena. Cambrai Memorial, Louverval Cemetery, Nord, France

1918

+LOGAN, Jonas

544th Engineer Regt. U.S. Army. Private. Died 22/11/1918. Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Fere-en-Tardenois, France. Ballintoy Parish Church RH

+McDONALD, J

Army Cyclist Corps.Lance-Sergeant. 744. Died 22/11/1918.
Dundonald Cemetery, Belfast

1940

+HARTE, Edward

RN. Able Seaman. D/JX 192733. Died on 22/11/1940. Aged 22. HMS President III. Accidentally drowned. Son of Edward and Mary Harte of Belfast. Milltown Roman Catholic Cemetery

+TINSLEY, Ernest

Royal Artillery. 8th (Belfast) HAA. 21 Battery, Gunner. 1456311. Died 22/11/1940. Aged 33 years. Born Belfast. Son of Agnes Tinsley. Husband to J Tinsley of Belfast. Belfast City Cemetery, Glenalina. Regimental WM and RH, St Anne's Cathedral, Belfast

1943

+LEWIS, James

RN. Stoker. D/KX 561466. Missing presumed killed. Died 22/11/1943. Age 19. HMS Hebe. Brother and sister serving with Canadian forces. Son of Mr and Mrs W Lewis, Berlin St., Belfast. (Belfast Weekly Telegraph 17/12/1943). Plymouth Naval Memorial, Panel 82

+McNEILL, James Ryce

RN. Able Seaman. D/SSX 32842. Date of Death: 22/11/1943. Age:23. HM MTB 686. Two sisters serving with ATS. Son of Samuel and Isabella McNeill, Hugo Gds.,

Coleraine. (Belfast Weekly Telegraph 03/12/1943). Lerwick New Cemetery.

+MORRISON, Earl Darragh

RAFVR. Sergeant. 1093659. Died 22/11/1943. Son of Martha Morrison, of Coleraine. Runnymede Memorial, Panel 159

1944

+JONES, Ronald

Welch Regiment. Company Quartermaster Sergeant. 3907957. Died 22/11/1944. Age 30. Son of Edward Jones and Emily Jones and the husband of Minnie Jones (née Greenwood) of Belfast. Dundonald Cemetery, Belfast

+WARDEN, Robert

London Irish Rifles. Rifleman. 7046535. Died 12/11/1944. Age 22. Youngest son of John and Sarah Warden, of Newtownards.

1945

+SMITH, Samuel

Royal Fusiliers, City of London Regiment. Fusilier. D/26736. Died 22/11/1945. Son of Samuel Smith and Maria Smith and husband to Lily Smith of Belfast. Glenalina Extension, Belfast City Cemetery

1947

+FLECK, Emma

Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.

Reserve. Sister. SRN. 345058. Died 22/11/1947. Aged 33.
Daughter of James and Emma Fleck, of Dervock, Co.
Antrim. Brookwood 1939-1945 Memorial

VETERANS

ARMSTRONG, Simon Carter

RAFVR. Flight Sergeant. 169595. London Gazette
22/11/1943. Portora RS

HERON, Hugh Michael Turretin

RAFO. Acting Squadron Leader. 41700. Pilot Officer. AFC.
Battle of Britain. See article page 1 above

KILLIPS, Sarah M N

WAAF. MCB. Born 22/11/1921. Daughter of James Killips,
Haddington Gardens, Belfast. Post war. Teacher.

MENARY, George Herbert

Royal Artillery. 8th HAA Regt. 21 Bty. Sergeant. Died
01/04/1949. Born in Belfast 22/11/1906. George Menary
served in Dunkirk, France in 1940 with the 8th (Belfast) HAA
Regiment. In 1940, he received a promotion to Bombardier
while based in Coventry during the Luftwaffe's Blitz on major
UK cities. One year later, in 1941, another promotion came,
this time to Sergeant. After serving in Europe and the United
Kingdom, Menary found himself in India where he was Pay
Sergeant for 21 Battery. Dundonald Cemetery.

METCALFE, Thomas Henry

Thomas Henry Metcalfe was born on 25/01/1881 at Seagoe, County Armagh, second of three children and only son of farmer William Metcalfe and his wife Elizabeth (nee Allen).

He enrolled in the North of Ireland Imperial Yeomanry at Armagh on 09/02/1904 (No.341), serving for four years, at which time he elected to be discharged, time expired.

On 23/11/1908 Metcalfe enlisted in the North Irish Horse at Portadown (No.244). He was promoted to lance corporal on 07/04/1911, corporal on 07/05/1911, lance sergeant on 27/03/1912, and sergeant on 9 November 1912.

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 Medecalf, Seagoe; Trooper C Wilson, Drumnagoon; and Trooper M. Boyle, Drumcree.

In October 1914 Metcalfe was thrown from his horse while on parade, breaking some ribs and causing him to be hospitalised in Belfast for a week.

On 22/11/1915, with the expiration of his term of engagement, Metcalfe elected to be discharged. His record was marked "very good", and soon after he was awarded a Special Reserve Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

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