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HMS Vanguard the last and largest Royal Navy Battleship

On This Day in 1944, the last and largest Royal Navy Battleship, and the last Battleship in the world was launched. The then Princess Elizabeth launched HMS Vanguard at Clydebank. She was over 50,000 tonnes at full load and capable of over 30 Knots. Truly the end of an era.

On this Day – November 30

1917

On the Cambrai front the German attack the salient at Vendhuille, Bournon Wood and Moeuvres penetrating British positions as far as La Vacquerie and Gouzeaucourt.

1939

After breaking off diplomatic relations, the Soviet Union attacks Finland by land and air without declaring war. During the Red Air Forces first raid on the Helsinki, only 91 civilians are killed due the capitals excellent air defence system. Stalin alleges provocation.

The Admiralty announces the completion of a 300 square mile minefield from Thames Estuary to the Netherlands.

1940

British civilian casualty figures for November: 4,588 killed, 6,202 injured.

President Roosevelt announces increase in support to Nationalist Chinese, a \$50 million loan.

1941

Near Riga, a mass shooting of Latvian and German Jews.

Japan finally resolves itself to attack the USA, although portions of the governments are still unsure.

1942

An Italian radio broadcast, reports of large-scale evacuations of Turin, Genoa and Milan.

In Tunisia, Allied offensive halts between Tebourba and Djedeïda due to inadequate air power.

Battle of Tassafaronga: US ships repulse Japanese off Guadalcanal with heavy losses on both sides.

Air Surgeon Gen. David Grant appeals to nurses to train as flight nurses.

US First War Loan Drive begins.

Washington begins rationing coffee in the United States. They say war is hell!

1944

Poland puts commandant and guards from Majdanek concentration camp on trial.

Eoin O'Duffy died in Dublin. O'Duffy had fought in the War of Independence, became IRA Chief of Staff, Garda Commissioner and then the head of the ACA/Blueshirts, leader of Fine Gael & supported the Fascists under Franco in the Spanish Civil War

HMS Vanguard is launched at Clydebank, Scotland, the world's last battleship to be launched.

As Japanese advance in southern China, Chiang Kai-shek removes two army divisions from Burma to protect Kunming.

1945

Rudolph Hess causes consternation at the Nuremberg trials by announcing that he has been shamming insanity and amnesia all this time.

Japanese forces in Indo-China surrender—final official surrender of troops in World War II.

Roll of Honour – November 30

Representing their comrades who died on this day

1914

+JOHNSTON, Samuel

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 1st Btn. Private. 11201. Died 30/11/1914. Age 23 years old. Son of John and Isabella Johnston, of Ellis St., Carrickfergus. Portsdown (Christ Church) Military Cemetery

1915

+McWHINNEY, M

RM Artillery. Gunner. RMA/5910. RMA Anti-Aircraft Brigade. Died 30/11/1915. Constance St., Belfast. Bailleul Communal Cemetery, France.

1916

+DEMPSEY, James

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 10th Btn. Private. 19559. Died 30/11/1916. Age 29. Son of Mrs. Elizabeth Dempsey, of Mettican, Garvagh. Bailleul Communal Cemetery Extension, Nord, France. Garvagh WM. St. Paul's Parish Church, Garvagh

+LENNON, James

Leinster Regiment, 2nd Btn. Private. 3108. Died 30/11/1916. Age 33. Son of John and Mary Lennon of Derryinver, Co. Armagh; husband of Sarah Ann Lennon, of 16A St. John St., Coatbridge, Lanarkshire. Maroc British Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France

+McKERNAN, Thomas Henry

Royal Irish Rifles. 8th Btn. D Coy. Serjeant. 8/13162. Died 30/11/1916. Age 21. Son of George and Mary Ann McKernan, of 15, Convention St., Belfast. Brother of James, Royal Irish Rifles, died 09/09/918. Ration Farm (La Plus Douvre) Annexe, Belgium

+O'REILLY, Gerald Joseph

London Regiment, 1st/18th Btn. (London Irish Rifles). Second Lieutenant. Died 30/11/1916. Son of John Christopher and Bridget Josephine O'Reilly of North Street, Lurgan. Gerald O'Reilly's father, John C. O'Reilly, led the recruitment drive for members of the Lurgan battalion of the Irish National Volunteers, to enlist in the British army. Approximately 800 Irish National Volunteers from Lurgan

would answer the call and serve during the war. Trois Arbres Cemetery, Steenwerck, Nord, France

1917

+AIRD, Archibald Thomas

London Regiment (London Irish Rifles). 1st/18th Bn. Second Lieutenant. Died 30/11/1917. On 30/11/1917 the regimental diary records heavy shelling and casualties. One of those casualties was Second Lieutenant Archibald Thomas Aird, who was killed in action. Previously served seven years with Royal Irish Rifles from 1901. He enlisted with the Irish Fusiliers in Newtownards. He was then sent to an officer's cadet battalion in Bristol, England, before being gazetted 2nd Lieutenant in August 1917. Son of Archibald Small and Frances Aird. He was born about 1898. The family lived at Jasmine Lodge, Charlemont. His father was a retired tea planter. Archibald Aird attended the Royal School Dungannon, entering in 1913.. Cambrai Memorial, Louverval. Moy WM, Dungannon RS Book. Seapatrik C of I Parish WM, Banbridge

+BROWN, Patrick

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 2nd Btn. Private. 21768. Died 30/11/1917. Age 24. Son of William and Sarah Brown, of Ballyneanor, Donemana, Co. Tyrone; husband of Margaret Brown, of 1, Broomhill St., Greenock. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

+CANNING, Patrick

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 2nd Btn. Serjeant. 10228. Died 30/11/1917. Age 25. Wounded three times.

Son of Samuel Canning, of Glentimon, Sion Mills, Co. Tyrone. Wounded three times. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

+CLARKE, John

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 1st Btn. Lance Corporal. 12266. MM. Died 30/11/1917. Born Middletown, Co. Armagh. Enlisted 30/07/1902. It is believed he was discharged and re-enlisted. Son of Patrick Clarke. Husband to Margaret nee Shaw, of Uddington, Lanark. Married 17/07/1910. Daughter Annie born 05/06/1911. Marcoing British Cemetery, France

+DICKSON, John

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd. Btn. Sergeant. 13399. Died 30/11/1917. Age 32. Previously served seven years with Royal Irish Rifles from 1901. Son of William and Sarah Dickson, of Scarva Rd., Banbridge; husband to Ellen Dickson, of Scarva St., Banbridge. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium. Seapatrick C of I Parish WM, Banbridge

+GILMORE, P

Royal Irish Rifles, 1st Btn. Rifleman. 9168. Died 30/11/1917. Age 19. Son of James and Mary Gilmore, of Sevaghan, Loughinisland, Co. Down. White House Cemetery, St Jean-Les-Ypres, Belgium

+KEARNEY, Patrick

Irish Guards. 1st Btn. Serjeant. 4957. Died 30/11/1917. Age 22. Son of Michael Kearney, of 31, New Lodge Rd., Belfast,

and the late Mary Ann Kearney. Cambrai Memorial, Louverval, France

+McANARY, Matthew James

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 1st Btn. Private. 9197. Military Medal. Died 30/11/1917. Battle of Cambrai. Born and lived in Desertmartin, County Londonderry. He enlisted in Cookstown and served with the 1st Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. Cambrai Memorial, Louverval, Nord, France. Castledawson WM. Desertmartin C of I RH

+McLOUGHLIN, Thomas

Royal Irish Rifles, 1st Btn. Rifleman. 5675. Died 30/11/1917. Age 19. Son of Patrick McLoughlin, of Courtenay Hill, Newry. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

+SPENCE, W

Royal Irish Rifles. 6th Btn. Rifleman. 5/5411. Died 30/11/1917. Brother of Mrs. Annie Clarke, of 13, Bradbury's Buildings, Lisburn. Kantara War Memorial Cemetery, Egypt

+THOMPSON, Edward

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 1st Btn. Private. 25621. Died 30/11/1917. Age 29. Son of Mrs. Lydia Thompson, of 19 Bridge St., Londonderry. Cambrai Memorial, Louverval, France

+WEIR, John

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 1st Btn. D Coy. Corporal. 9826. Died 30/11/1917. Age 22. Son of Samuel and Sarah Weir, of 12, Woodvale St., Belfast. Cambrai Memorial, Louverval, France

+WHITESIDE, Samuel

Machine Gun Corps (Infantry) 59th Coy. Formerly of the 11th Royal Irish Rifles. Private. 17701. Died 30/11/1917. Born 23/12/1893. Son of James and Emma Whiteside, nee Beckett, Ballytresna, Randalstown. The couple had married in Randalstown OC Presbyterian Church on the 16/09/1887. Cambrai Memorial. Randalstown Old Congregation Presbyterian Church RH.

+WRIGHT, F J

8th (King's Royal Irish) Hussars. Private. H/24512. Died 30/11/1917. Age 23. Son of Ex-Serjt. Maj. Joseph Wright; husband of Ellen Dunbar Wright, of 116, East Bread St., Connswater, Belfast. Gouzeaucourt New British Cemetery, France

1918

+COSKERY, F

Royal Irish Rifles, 12th Btn. Serjeant. 164. Died 23/11/1918. Age 24. Native of Annalong. Son of William Coskery and Annie Nugent, his wife, of Upper Ballylough, Annsborough, Co. Down. Ingoyghem Military Cemetery, Belgium

+McCALLA, James Copland

South African Infantry. 3rd. Sergeant. 6688. Died in Forster Green Hospital, (Sanatorium) Belfast, on 30/11/1918 of Cerebral haemorrhage which he had for seven hours and cardiac failure. Aged 38. Born 10/11/1880 to Robert and Susannah McCalla, nee Patterson of Cargygray, Co. Down.

Notes from his army record - He joined up 14/10/1915 aged 34 in South Africa. His next of kin was his sister, Elizabeth McCalla of the Nurses Home (Belfast City Hospital) Lisburn Road, Belfast. He had previously served in the 2nd Special Reserve, Royal Canadian Regiment of Infantry and was discharged 23/12/1900 on expiration of service. He then joined the South African Constabulary. His record does not show what his movements were from when he joined up until he was admitted into hospital in London. He was admitted into 2nd London General Hospital, St Mark's College, King's Road, Chelsea, from the 29/04/1917 to 11/09/1917 suffering from a severe shell wound (shrapnel) of left forearm.

He was transferred to Military Convalescent Hospital, Holywood, Co Down from 17/09/1917 to 29/10/1917. Transferred to the Ulster Volunteer Force Hospital, (Possibly Holywood) from 29/10/1917 to 19/11/1917. He was again transferred several times to the convalescent hospital and the U.V.F. Hospital. On 05/03/1918 he was transferred from the U.V.F Hospital to Frensham Hill Military Hospital, Surrey. where he was on a Medical Board. His disability was tubercle of lung which he contracted whilst in hospital. It was recommended further treatment in a sanatorium in Belfast. He was discharged to pension as being medical unfit on the 25/01/1918 and his pension started the following day. Annahilt Churchyard, County Down.

+McGUCKIN, Joseph Alexander

Royal Air Force. Air Mechanic 2nd Class. 49572. Died 30/11/1918. Age 42. Joseph moved to Newcastle, England. Son of the late John and Mary McGuckin, of Gortahork Desertmartin, Co. Derry. Ashburton Roman Catholic Cemetery, Gosforth near Newcastle.

+PATTERSON, R C

Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, 5th Btn. Private. 351424. Died 30/11/1918. Aged 26. Born at Belfast. Son of Alexander and Elizabeth Patterson. Dundonald Cemetery

+WATT, Alicia

Queen Mary's Army Auxiliary Corps. attd. London Regiment, 9th Reserve Btn. Worker. 33726. Died 30/11/1918. Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Watt, of George's St., Dungannon. Aldershot Military Cemetery, Hampshire

1940

+KERR, James Archibald

RAF (AAF). 502 Sqdn. Sergeant. 816249. Died 30/11/1940 on Atlantic patrol. MCB. Born 18/08/1921. Son of John and Johanna Helena Kerr, Sunbury Ave., Belfast. Runnymede Memorial

1941

+COTTINGHAM, William Henry

Royal Army Service Corps. Private. T/58581. Died 30/11/1941. Age 41. Born about 1900. Son of William Skinner and Harriet Cottingham. Husband to Gladys Rose

Cottingham. St Patrick's C of I Churchyard Kilrea, Co Londonderry

1942

+IEVERS, Robert Valentine

RAFV. 418 Sqdn. Sergeant Observer. 1126184. Died 30/11/1942. Age 21. (Bob) Ievers served in Fighter Command and on 30/11/1942 he was one of a three man crew aboard a Douglas Boston Mark III aircraft (Z2165) that took off from RAF Bradwell Bay in Essex on a Nickel (leaflet dropping) operation and crashed in Belgium. Their bodies were never recovered. When Robert Ievers was initially reported as missing in action his girlfriend Eileen, who was serving in the WAAF, came to Belfast to visit Bob's parents. Bob Ievers was born on 16/10/1921. He was a son of John and Ellen (nee Adair) Ievers. John Ievers (from Farnborough) served during the First World War and in civilian life he worked as a gardener. It was when he was working for Lord Dunleath in Ballywalter Park that he met Ellen Adair. They were married in Ballywalter Parish Church of Ireland Church (Holy Trinity) on 10/07/1920. Robert Valentine Ievers was born on 16/10/1921 and was baptised in Ballywalter Parish Church. The family moved from Ballywalter to Belfast when John Ievers was appointed Head Gardener at Forster Green Hospital. Remembered at Runnymede Memorial, Surrey. RAF Bradwell Bay Memorial - which was 'erected in memory of the 121 members of the Allied Air Forces who, in answer to the call of duty, left this airfield to fly into the blue forever'. Knockbreda Parish WM. Family headstone in Whitechurch Cemetery, Ballywalter

1944

+MOODY, William

Royal Scots Fusiliers, 1st Btn. Fusilier. 3194424. Died 30/11/1944. Age 29. Son of William and Lizzie Moody; husband of Jessie Moody, of Jedburgh, Roxburghshire. Taukkyan War Cemetery, Burmah

+STEWART, Richard

Royal Ulster Rifles. 2 Btn. C Coy. Lance Corporal. 7020434. Died 30/11/1944. Aged 28. His body was buried by Dutch Civilians and he was initially believed Missing In Action until the advancing British army were told by local residents where he had been laid to rest. Husband to Matilda Stewart, nee Mitchell of Ballycastle. Richard Stewart and Matilda Mitchell married in 1934 in Armoy and had five children. Venray War Cemetery, Limburg, to the Southeast of Nijmegen, Netherlands

+WILLIAMSON, George

Royal Ulster Rifles. 2 Btn. Rifleman. 7022501. Died 30/11/1944. Aged 23. Son of George and Emily Williamson, of Ballyclare. Venray War Cemetery, Limburg, Netherlands

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CARSON, Arthur

RN. Lieutenant Commander. Larne. Husband to Ellen Carson of Larne. Ellen was a teacher in Northern Ireland before and during the war years. They later went to Mexico, where he assisted in the design of boilers for power stations and sugar plantations. Ellen and Arthur had four children,

two of whom were born in Mexico City. They all returned in 1955 and lived in the north of England in Manchester and then York. Ellen and Arthur kept their house in Ferris Bay and a property in Drains Bay until the late 1960s. They both enjoyed sailing and moved to Lymington in Hampshire, where they had a small yacht. Arthur died in 2000 and Ellen died in her 99th year on 30/11/2012.

CARSON, Francis Samuel

RAMC. Captain. MC. MiD. RUI MB 1909, BS DPH Oxon 1914. QUB MD 1920. Lieutenant RAMC 30/11/1914. Captain 31/05/1915. Served 1914 - 18, 2nd London Sanitary Co. MC 01/01/1917, MiD 01/01/1916. Born 1883. Son of Samuel and Eliza Anne Carson, Terrygowan, Dunmanaway, Co. Antrim

COALSTON, Henry

RNAS. AC II. F41476. Enrolled 13/11/1917 for hostilities. In President II, Roehampton and Queensferry. Transferred to RAF 31/03/1918. Born Coleraine 30/11/1883. ADM 188/633/41476

McGRATH, J

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 5th/6th Btn. Private. 12931. Served in Gallipoli. WW1 Trio of medals. Born November 1895. Lived 32 Ghent Street, Belfast. Worked H&W, died in an accident. Died Nov. 1940

MILNER, John Stanley

RNR. Captain. OBE. RD. **Lieut., R.N., 1937. Seniority, 1932.**
O.B.E. New Year's Honours, 1953. Joined Head Line 1924,
RNR 1933. Master 1934. Bibby Line 1934. Born 16/02/1908.
Son of TF Milner, 12 Ormiston Park, Knock, Belfast.
Campbell College 1787. St Columba's Parish Church,
Knock RH. Died 30/11/1983. St Mark's Cathedral
Columbaria, George, Western Cape, South Africa. St
Columba's Parish Church, Knock RH

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We will remember them

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