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## English WAAF became leading Irish artist

**Joy Clements served in the Women's Auxiliary Air Force during WW2. Joy was born Joyce Mary Drackett-Case in Kingston-on-Thames, Surrey, England in 1921.**



She descended from famous English artist Sir Alfred Munnings on her grandmother's side. Growing up in Suffolk, she would paint her father. She was a teenager when war broke out.

Joy made Northern Ireland her home after meeting husband Edgar. The couple married after the end of WW2 making a home in Finaghy in the 1950s. Edgar was an engineer and a lecturer at the University of Ulster.

She was best known as a renowned artist influenced by Carl Gustav Jung's dream theories. Joy's art often took inspiration from the dream theories of Carl Gustav Jung and the

writing of Eckhart Tolle. She also made use of mandala symbolism drawing on Hindu culture. Her art is often displayed in her adopted hometown.

Clements' worked in pastels most of the time but was also known for her oil and watercolour paintings.

Her career as an artist dated back to the 1970s. For four years she studied under John Turner. The Ulster Society of Women Artists elected her to their ranks in 1978. As a member, she received the Perpetual Trophy for Excellence. She served as president of the society from 1981 to 1984.

Joy was also a member of the Royal Watercolour Society, remaining an honorary member in her later years. She continued to paint until the day of her death. She spent ten years as honorary president of the Ulster Watercolour Society and was a member of the Royal Ulster Academy for 35 years.

In her later years, she continued to explore spiritualism but also focussed on maintaining a healthy body as well as the mind. She clocked up to seven miles per day on an exercise bike and undertook stretching and breathing exercises.

She was the mother of Maxwell and Susan. Joy had three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Both her children went on to creative careers, Maxwell as a furniture designer and Susan as a photographer. Joy Clements died on 3rd December 2017 at her home in Jordantown. She was 97 years old. The funeral took place on 7th December 2017 to Carnmoney Cemetery.

# On this Day – December 3

## 1939

The RAF scores a number of direct hits on German warships at the Heligoland Bight naval base.

Finnish troops withdraw in good order towards the Mannerheim line defensive position.

## 1940

Britain allots each person an extra 4 oz of sugar and 2 oz of tea for Christmas.

## 1941

Hitler issues Rationalization Decree, urging modern efficient mass production.

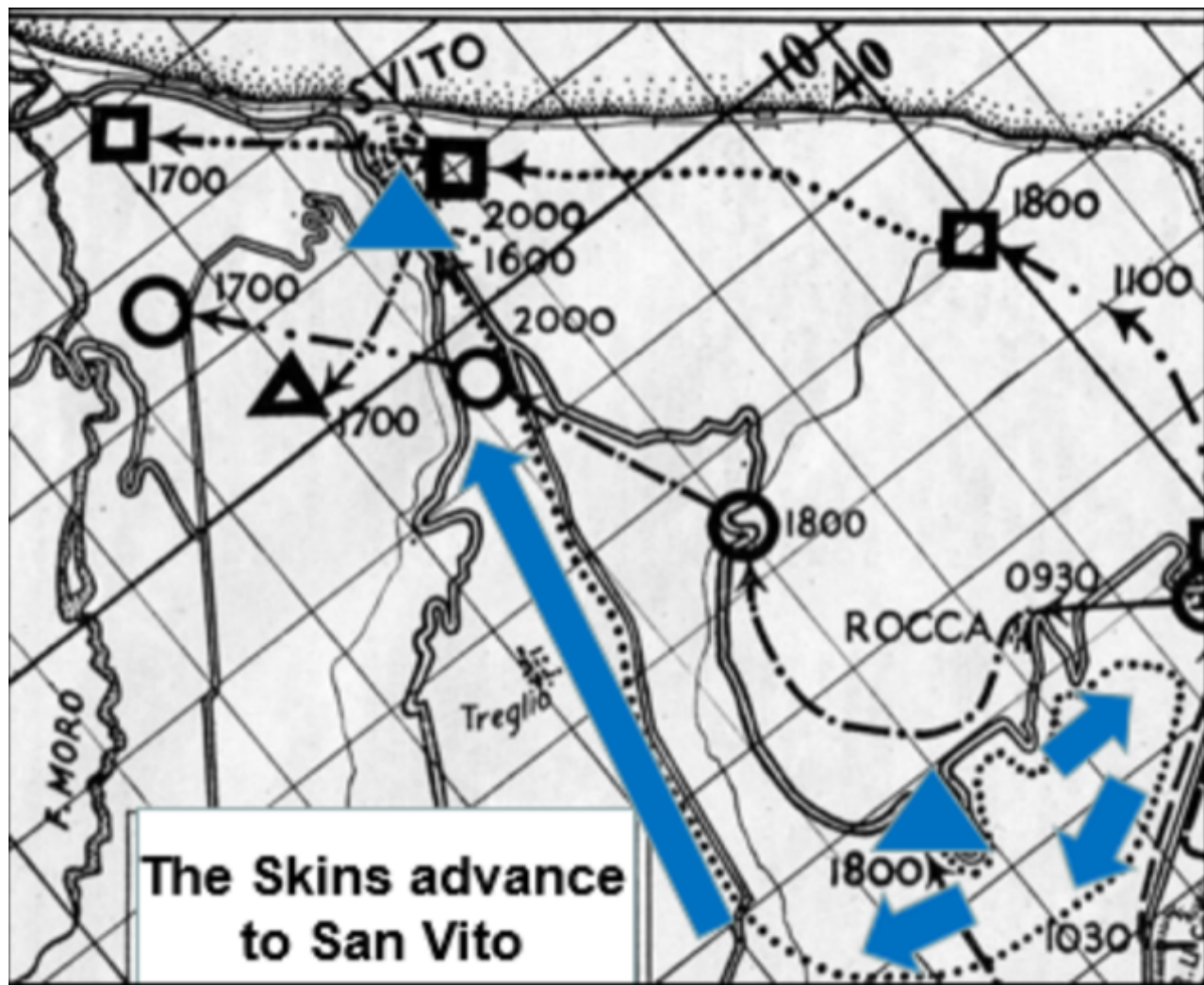
In South Atlantic, U-124 sinks unarmed US freighter Sagadahoc (1 killed), sixth US ship sunk in the Atlantic while the US remained neutral.

## 1942

Several German divisions ordered to be transferred from Western Europe begin arriving in the area of Army Group Don southwest of Stalingrad in preparation of 'Operation Winter Tempest', the relief of the encircled 6th Army.

Germans reoccupy Tebourba, Tunisia, using Mark VI Tiger tanks for the first time in combat.

1943



**38 (Irish) Brigade** - Brigadier Russell north of the Sangro: "We could not get across the wadi & the enemy also had tanks. So the Skins, with 3 CLY, did a night march from Fossacesia to San Maria, & attacked at first light along the Treglio ridge with St Vito as their objective

By 1600 hrs, the Skins held San Vito & the Faughs & the London Irish were busy stepping up to the river Feltrino, immediately north of San Vito. It was a successful fight for



the Skins, but they suffered a number of casualties during the street fighting in the town.”

The RAF conduct a heavy attack against Leipzig killing 1,500 and making 40,000 homeless.

US Fifth Army launches main ground attack on Winter Line in Italy after artillery barrage and infantry assault at night.

## **1944**

Civil war breaks out in Greece between Communists and Royalists; British intervene - A series of clashes in Athens known as the Dekemvriana began when British troops and Greek police opened fire on a massive leftist pro-Communist demonstration.

Britain's Home Guard, the civilian force assigned to the defense of Britain in the event of German invasion, is stood

down after five years. King George VI declares the “You have fulfilled your charge”.

Armoured units of the US 3rd Army succeed in penetrating the fortified German lines of the Westwall near Saarlautern. British Eighth Army opens drive for Bologna, Italy.

Col. Elliott Roosevelt, son of the president, marries actress Faye Emerson in a highly publicized wedding at the Grand Canyon.

## Roll of Honour – December 3

*Representing their comrades who died on this day*

**1914**

### **+BRADLEY, Frederick Ekin**

RNR. Leading Stoker. 302220. HM Submarine D5. Died 03/12/1914. Age 29. Born about 1885 in County Donegal. He had previously served during the Boer War. He had also served in HMS Hyacinth in the Somali Expedition. HMS D5 was a British D class submarine built by Vickers, Barrow. D5 was laid down on 23/2/1910, launched 28/8/1911 and was commissioned 19/2/1911. Submarine HMS D5 was sunk by a British mine two miles south of South Cross Buoy off Great Yarmouth in the North Sea. 20 officers and men were lost. There were only 5 survivors including her Commanding Officer Lt. Cdr. Godfrey Herbert. Son of William and Jane Bradley. The 1911 census shows Frederick's father had

retired and was receiving a Royal Irish Regiment pension. The family was then living in Charlemont near the Moy, Tyrone. Frederick was married to Lillian J. Bradley, Stonehouse, Plymouth. Plymouth Naval Memorial Panel 3. Moy WM.

**+GRAHAM, John**

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. Serjeant. 3416. Died 03/12/1914. Age 29. Son of Mr. and Mrs. James Graham, of Mossvale; husband to Margaret Graham, Mossvale, Dromore, Co. Down. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

**1915**

**+BEGGS, William John**

Royal Engineers, 7th Depot Company. Sapper. 64330. Died 03/12/1915. Age 43. Born Larne. Husband to Martha Beggs, of 10, Swift St., Belfast. Belfast City Cemetery

**+KIRKPATRICK, John**

Royal Irish Rifles. Rifleman. 11515. Died 03/12/1915 of wounds in the 4th Scottish Military Hospital in Glasgow. Age 25. Pre-war he was a ship yard worker. Enlisted Belfast. Served with the 6th Btn. In Gallipoli. Born 13/08/1890 in Huss St., Belfast. Son of John and Jane (nee Porter) Kirkpatrick of Killead. Military funeral to Carmavey Burial Ground, Killead

**+WILKINSON, A**

Army Service Corps. 254th Coy. Corporal. S4/127937. Died 03/12/1915. Age 40. Son of Thomas Wilkinson; husband of

Mrs. Wilkinson, of 86, Conway St., Belfast. St Sever Cemetery, Rouen, France

**1916**

**+CALDWELL, T**

Royal Irish Rifles. 2nd Btn. Lance Corporal. 9077. Died 03/12/1916. Age 22. Son of James and Mary Caldwell, of Craigyhill, Kilwaughter, Larne. Hyde Park Corner (Royal Berks) Cemetery, Belgium

**+McFERRAN, William James**

Royal Engineers. Inland Water Transport, Sapper. 202406. Died 03/12/1916. William James McFerran (also known as James McFerran) was born on 15/09/1877 at 34 Walton Street, Belfast, the second of at least five children of labourer (later spinning master) James McFerran and his wife Isabella (née Weekey). His mother died when he was just nine years old.

On 05/04/1900 at Belfast, McFerran enlisted in the 54th (Belfast) Company of the Imperial Yeomanry (No.11115). He gave his occupation as 'sorter's clerk'. Ten days later he embarked for South Africa with his Company, returning home on 20 April the following year with the rank of bugler. While serving overseas he had lost one of his right-hand fingers. On 24/06/1901 he was discharged as medically unfit.

By 1903 McFerran was living at 41 Hillview Street, Belfast, and working as a 'preparing master'. On 29 April that year he and Elizabeth Kathleen Boyd married at St Ann's Church

of Ireland Parish Church, Belfast. The couple had three children over the next thirteen years. By the time of the 1911 Census the family was living at 36 Foyle Street, Belfast, William working as a 'sorters clerk'.

McFerran enlisted in the North Irish Horse at Belfast on 13/08/1914 (No.1003), understating his age by eight years. Within days, on 20 August, he embarked for France with C Squadron and was promoted to trumpeter. He saw action on the retreat from Mons and advance to the Aisne. On 1 September he was posted as missing, but rejoined the squadron soon after.

On 04/11/1914 he faced a field general court martial, charged with being drunk while on active service. He was sentenced to 120 days' imprisonment with hard labour, and demoted to the ranks.

McFerran rejoined the regiment following his release from prison at Le Havre on 03/03/1915, but following a number of illnesses, on 2 April was evacuated to England, where he was admitted to a hospital in Leeds.

On 07/05/1915 he was discharged 'his services being no longer required' (paragraph 392(xxv), King's Regulations).

McFerran re-enlisted on 14/09/1916 at Belfast, this time in the Inland Water Transport Section of the Royal Engineers (No.202406). He gave his address as 240 Sandbrook Cottage, Sydenham, Belfast, his age as 37, his trade as 'fitter', and stated that he had no prior military service.

McFerran embarked for France on 21/11/1916. Twelve days later, however, he committed suicide. A court of inquiry held at St Omer the following day heard from his comrades that

he had been cheerful until the last two days, when he had seemed depressed and troubled. None were aware that he had received any bad news, and he was quite sober at the time of his death. Witness Lucienne Givaudan of 202 Rue Dunkerque, St Omer, stated:

I was coming from the station with my sister Georgette at about 8.20 pm on Sunday the 3rd instant. When we arrived at the Pont du Mathurin I saw an English soldier who was talking to himself. There was no one else on the road, and the soldier first placed one leg over the parapet of the bridge, then the other, and standing, threw himself into the water. I ran to the house of Madame Francois le Ferre, which is next to the Offices of the Inland Water Transport and told her that there was a man in the canal. There was also an English soldier present to whom I explained the matter.

The canal was dragged, but his body was not found until the next day.

Informed of the circumstances surrounding his death, McFerran's widow wrote to the authorities:

I was more than surprised at the verdict brought in, in regards to my Husband's death ... as we had a very happy home life, his only regret being that he had to part from his three little children and me. Just two days before his death he wrote me saying how contented he was and proud to do his bit once more, and hoped to see us all at Christmas.

My husband was so plucky (having been through the Boer War) that I cannot realise that he would do such a cowardly act. Should you find it a mistake in the interests of myself and three little children the youngest being only 4 months

old would you let me know. Kindly also let me known if how long [sic] I am to draw allowance.

I also wish to thank you for your sympathy.

In response, the Royal Engineers Records Office stated:

Your husband's late career makes it unlikely that cowardice was the motive for the act. Great sympathy is felt for you in your bereavement. Native of Belfast. Husband to Elizabeth McFerran, of 7, Lisavan St., Strandtown, Belfast. Longuenesse (St Omer) Souvenir Cemetery, France

## 1917

### **+CAVANAGH, Francis**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, Private. 21427. Died 03/12/1917. Francis Cavanagh was born in County Tyrone, and was living in Dungannon when he enlisted in Hamilton, Scotland. Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

### **+IRVINE, Thomas Henry**

Royal Field Artillery. 8th Heavy Trench Mortar Bty. Gunner. Died 03/12/1917. Age 25. Son of John and Isabella Irvine, of 2, Valentine St., Belfast. Etaples Military Cemetery, France

### **+KELLY, John**

Royal Warwickshire Regiment, 2nd/5th Bn. Private. 268305. Died 03/12/1917. Born Armagh. At some time he served in Royal Scots (2259). He left his effects to his father John. Cambrai Memorial, Louverval, France

## 1918

**+BELL, Alexander Stewart**

RN. Chief Petty Officer. HMS Magic II. Died 03/12/1918 in Bristol. Magic II , a hospital ship, was built in Belfast. Magic II (originally Magic), was built in 1893 by Harland & Wolff for the Belfast Steamship Company and during the First World War she served as a hospital ship. When the Royal Navy launched a destroyer named HMS Magic in 1915 there was confusion and so, in 1916, the original Magic was renamed Magic II. The ship was returned to the Belfast Steamship Company in 1919 by which time she had been renamed Classic. Alexander was born 29/08/1894 in Holburn St., Bangor. Son of James (a retired Marine) and Martha Bell, Railwayview St., Bangor. Bangor WM. Bangor RBL Memorial plaque. Hamilton Road - PCI RH

**+BRUCE, Adam**

RNR. Second engineer. HMS Labour. Funeral with full naval honours took place from his home, Glasgow St., Belfast to Carnmoney Cemetery. Floral tributes from Amalgamated Society of Engineers, Castleton Temperance LOL 867, Clifton Temperance LOL 1936, Royal Black Chapter and Jennymount Methodist Church. Belfast Telegraph 03/12/1918.

**+MILLIGAN, Joseph**

Royal Inniskillings Fusiliers, 26<sup>th</sup> Btn. Private. 19164. Died 03/12/1918 at home. Age 29. He had been discharged due to war wounds. Son of Joseph and Margaret Milligan. His father and both surviving sons were shoemakers. St Swithins C of I churchyard, Magherafelt. Magherafelt C of I RH

**1919**

**+BAILLIE, R McD**

Royal Navy. Stoker (2nd Class). K-52085. HMS Hercules.  
Died 03/12/1919. Son of Robert Baillie, Vicarage St., Belfast.  
Joint headstone, Dundonald Cemetery.



*Courcelette British Cemetery in the snow. by Paul Reed*

**1940**

**+HARRIS, Thomas Ian Reid-Haven**

RAFVR. Leading Aircraftman. 912223. Died 03/12/1940.  
Age 26. Family Memorial, Crossgar (Lissara) Presbyterian  
Cemetery

## **+McCRUM, William Scott**

Royal Artillery, 127th (Highland) Field Regiment. Captain. 45432. Died 03/12/1940. William Scott McCrum was born in and died in Belfast, although he spent many of his 42 years in Dundee, Scotland and serving in the army. He was the son of Robert McCrum and Sarah Jemima McCrum of 4 Rosetta Parade, Belfast. By 1928, McCrum has moved to Dundee. On 15/06/1928, he is a salesman, a 2nd class passenger, on board the steamer Rajputana bound for Yokohama. His home address is 37 Albert Square, Dundee, Scotland. In 1931 he married Ruth Liddiard Pirie in Dundee, Scotland. The couple had one child together. Before the outbreak of war, William served in 76th (Highland) Regiment where he gained promotion to 2nd Lieutenant on 11/06/1930. He was promoted to Captain from Lieutenant on 28/05/ 1937. His place of death is Belfast although his place of residence is 366 Blackness Road, Dundee, Scotland. Belfast City Cemetery.

**1941**

## **+MAVITTY, William Ivan Lynn**

Royal Artillery. Gunner. 23335 Died 03/12/1941. Aged 32. 6 Field Regt. New Zealand Artillery. Son of T. J. Mavitty, J.P., and Mrs. Mavitty, of Enniskillen. Knightsbridge War Cemetery, Acroma, Libya

**1942**

## **+MARTIN, William John Robertson**

RN. AB. D/JX 146964. Died 03/12/1942. Age 22. HMS Penylan. Joined RN as a Boy. Served two years on China Station prior to the war. Brother also serving in the RN.

Father and two uncles served in WW1. Husband to Wilhelmina Mary Martin, Auburn St., Belfast. (Belfast Weekly Telegraph 25/12/1942). Plymouth Naval Memorial, Panel 66

### **+MEREDITH, Francis**

RAFVR. Aircraftman 1st Class. 972615. Died 03/12/1942. Aged 26. Son of James Gardiner Meredith and Mary Meredith, of Newtownards. Husband to Margaret Meredith, of Newtownards. Yokohama Cremation Memorial, Japan. Newtownards WM

## **1943**

### **+ALLEN, Thomas**

Royal Ulster Rifles, London Irish Rifles, 1st Btn. Serjeant. 7012142. Died 04/12/1943. Age 28. He had served for 13 years in China, Egypt and India. Son of Daniel and Sarah Allen; husband to Annie Allen nee Davidson, of Abbey St., Armagh. Father to Lucy whom he never saw. Mrs Allen's sister was married to RSM John Cairns of the London Rifles whose remains rest at St Mark's, Armagh. Minturno War Cemetery, Italy

### **+PORTER, Archibald**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 5th Btn. Corporal. 6982760. Died 03/12/1943. Age 28. Son of Lewis and Cathleen Porter, of Upper Ballysillan, Belfast. Sangro River War Cemetery, Italy

### **+TREANOR, Peter John Treanor**

Royal Ulster Rifles, 2nd Btn. London Irish Rifles. Rifleman. 2721340. Died 04/12/1943. Age 33. Son of Owen and Rose Treanor, of Crossmaglen, Co. Armagh. Sangro River War Cemetery, Italy

**1944**

**+AUSTIN, Patrick**

King's Own Scottish Borderers, 6th Btn. Private. 6979074. Died 03/12/1944. Age 30. Son of Thomas and Elizabeth Austin, of Lurgan. Venray War Cemetery, Netherlands

**+HADDOW, Charles Graham,**

RAFVR. Flying Officer (Pilot). 144945. Died 03/12/1944. Aged 23. 184 Sqdn. Son of Charles Paterson Haddow and Margaret Graham Haddow, of Belfast. Hawkinge Cemetery. QUB

**+HALLAM, John**

Royal Army Service Corps. Private. T/109454. Died 03 / 12/1944. Age 28. Son of Harold and Nellie Hallam; husband of Kathleen Hallam, of Lurgan. Ancona War Cemetery, Italy

## **VETERANS**

**AGNEW, Thomas**

RN. AB. J19988. Enrolled 03/12/1913 for 12 years. War service in Vivid, Nottingham, Suttlej, Hecla, and Gibraltar. Served until 05/11/1928. Born Dunmurry 03/12/1895. Son of John and Martha Agnew. Prior to enlistment was labourer in dye works. Dunmurry - PCI RH. ADM 188/686/19988.

### **+BAILLIE, Robert McDonald**

RN. Stoker 2nd Class. K53085. HMS Hercules. Enrolled 16/08/1918 for hostilities. In Victory and Hercules. Demobbed 15/10/1919. Born Port Glasgow 10/10/1894. Died 03/12/1919. Son of Robert Baillie, Vicarage St., Belfast. Joint headstone, Dundonald Cemetery.

### **+CASSELLS, Edward**

RAMC. Sergeant. 43427. He was gassed during WW1. Born 1891 Co. Armagh. Married Mary Gough 24/03/1913 in Killowen Parish Church, Coleraine, and lived in Killowen Street, Coleraine. Died 03/12/1929 in Coleraine. Killowen Church of Ireland Parish Graveyard

### **CLEMENTS, Joy**

Women's Auxiliary Air Force. Served during WW2. Joy was born Joyce Mary Drackett-Case in Kingston-on-Thames, Surrey, England in 1921. She descended from famous English artist Sir Alfred Munnings on her grandmother's side. Growing up in Suffolk, she would paint her father. She was a teenager when war broke out. Joy made Northern Ireland her home after meeting husband Edgar. The couple married after the end of WW2 making a home in Finaghy in the 1950s. Edgar was an engineer and a lecturer at the University of Ulster. Joy Clements died on 03/12/2017 at her home in Jordantown. She was 97 years old. The funeral took place on 07/12/2017 to Carnmoney Cemetery. See article above.

## **TOWNSEND, George Patrick Donald**

Lieutenant Commander. DSC. Temporary Lieutenant Commander (London Gazette 03/12/1944). HMS Ulster Queen, anti-aircraft ship on Artic convoys. Ulster Queen provided AA cover for convoy PQ18 from Iceland to Kola Inlet and Murmansk. It endured the largest number of air attacks of any of the Russian convoys. Lieutenant. HMS Shearwater 01/09/1939 (Navy List 19/07/1940).

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