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Courageous Derry NCO

**Sergeant James
Henry Jackson,
M.M. and Bar,
15634, 1st/10th
Battalion Royal
Inniskilling
Fusiliers was
killed in action
in France on
March 22, 1918.
Age 34.**

Derry War Memorial

He joined up on the outbreak of the war and went to France with the Ulster Division in September 1915. He was awarded a Military Medal and Ulster Division Certificate for great gallantry and devotion to



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duty on July 1, 1916, in the Thiepval sector. On his platoon officer being wounded, on that occasion, he took charge of the platoon, and, although wounded in the lung, did most excellent work until the battalion was relieved.

He was awarded a Bar to the Military Medal for gallantry in reorganising his platoon and repelling an attack during the battle of Messines on June 7, 1917. He took part in the fighting of the spring of 1918, and was last seen leading his platoon when the Germans then broke through the British lines. He was afterwards reported to have been killed in action during that battle.

At the time of his death, his brother, Sergeant William Jackson, Derry Volunteers, was still on active service. Another brother, Private Charles Jackson, of the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force, was wounded at the Dardanelles in 1915.

Sergeant Jackson was employed as a coach painter with Mr Thomas Ferguson, Magazine Street, Londonderry, prior to the Great War.

His name is recorded on a memorial dedicated to the memory of members of the brethren of City of Derry Temperance Loyal Orange Lodge 1007, Coronation Loyal Orange Lodge 1062, Royal Union Loyal Orange Lodge 1166, and Royal Black Preceptory 237, who made the supreme sacrifice in the Great War, 1914-1918.

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His name is also recorded on Christ Church (Church of Ireland), Londonderry, World War 1 Memorial, on the Pozieres Memorial, Somme, France, and commemorated on the Diamond War Memorial.

Son of George Jackson, 50, Fountain Street, Londonderry, three years after the death of Sergeant Jackson in action, members of his family had the following in memoriam lines inserted in a Londonderry newspaper:-

‘He sleeps beside his comrades In a hallowed grave
unknown, But his name is written forever
In the hearts he has left at home.’

Five years after the death of Sergeant Jackson, members of his family placed the following tribute to his memory in a Londonderry newspaper:-

‘Not dead to those who loved him; Not lost, but gone before;
He lives with us in memory still, And will for evermore.’

Coleraine Gunner’s Mediterranean meandering

Individual members of the Coleraine Battery of 9HAA Regiment, Royal Artillery, had experiences beyond that of regimental deployments.

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Members of the Battery were posted to Italy or Greece because they had specialist skills or because they had been left behind when the Battery moved on.

Lance Bombardier Bobby McDonald had a spell of ill health in Egypt due to a perforated appendix which announced itself on 22/03/1941 near Mersa Matruh. He was transferred on board the SS Llandoverly Castle and taken to military General Hospital No. 63 in Cairo where he arrived on 29/03/1941.

In October, now a Bombardier, he was attached to Regimental HQ of 2 LAA Regiment. From February to June 1943 he was trained at the Middle East Signals School and as a Regimental Signals Instructor. With this qualification Bobby left the strength of the Coleraine Battery for the remainder of the war. He was posted to 17 AA Brigade HQ in Tobruk.

After a series of postings, on 08/06/1944 he was posted as a radio operator to a field artillery unit - 32 Battery, 22 Field Regiment.

Bobby kept his own war diary and it has 49 entries for the movement of this unit through Italy until the war was won. He commented in 2004, "Every day there was a river crossing. We would reach the river in the evening, get some sleep and then cross over in the morning".

On August 5, Bobby was on leave in Rome. He later walked up the north-east coast of Italy taking in Rimini, Pescara and Forli. On 18/11/1944, he met Stanley Harper of the North Irish Horse who was also in the north of Italy.

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He left Italy in December 1944 via Taranto on the MV Ocean Messenger for Pireus and Athens. After a tour of duty in Greece he returned to Naples and on 22/03/1945 he left for Liverpool via Gibraltar on the MV Georgic. After reporting to Woolwich, he returned to Coleraine on leave on 05/04/1945, the first time since a short leave from Scotland in 1939. He went on to serve in Brecon in Wales, Brussels and Tournai.

Bobby was eventually demobbed in Belfast on 27/04/1946. He returned to his civilian job as a clerk in the Coleraine offices of the Ulster Transport Authority. Eventually he was promoted to transport manager and remained in the post until his retirement.

- Adapted from "The Coleraine Battery" by Ronnie Gamble

On this Day – March 22

1918

Day 2 of the Kaiserschlacht. **1st Battalion Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers** holds Ricardo Redoubt against repeated attacks by regiments of the Prussian Guard Division. Finally succumb at 4.40 pm. Only 30 men escape.

1940

U-boats sink seven neutral ships.

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Kaiserschlacht: An abandoned British camp, and British MkIV Female tank, Somme front March 1918.

1941

In the newspapers - March 22 1941

JJ COLLINS - Palace investiture

Stoker. DSM. Attended investiture at Buckingham Palace. Formerly served in the Irish Free State Army. Took part in the Dunkirk evacuation. DSM for gallant conduct. Wife resident at Ardilea St., Belfast. (Belfast Weekly Telegraph 22/03/1941.)

Henry MALCOLM - Missing

AB. Gunlayer. Joined RN 1940. Trained in HMS Caroline. Prior to enlisting he was a tyre fitter in Avon Tyres, Alfred St., Belfast. Brother serving with HM Forces. Son of Robert Malcolm, Joycelyn St., Belfast. (Belfast Weekly Telegraph 22/03/1941.)

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US 99th Pursuit Squadron activated, the first black unit in the Army Air Corps.

Grand Coulee Dam opens in Washington state, the world's largest source of electric power.

1942

Late in the afternoon after an unsuccessful Italian torpedo-aircraft attack, Admiral Iachino's squadron engages the British convoy. The convoy protected itself with a smokescreen, but the cruiser HMS Cleopatra was damaged. Admiral Philip Vian, commanding the British escorts, sent his destroyers to torpedo attack the Italian battleship Littorio. Getting dark and so Admiral Iachino turned away from the British convoy and sailed for home.

Japanese aircraft attack Darwin.

A Polish newspaper editor is beheaded for listening to the BBC, as German terror continues in Poland.

Britain agrees to allow US to deliver emergency flour supply to Vichy France.

British statesman Sir Stanford Cripps tries to persuade Gandhi to encourage India to help war effort.

1943

German troops recapture Belgorod.

Newly built gas chamber/crematory IV opens at Auschwitz.

Nazis extend work week in Netherlands to 54 hours.

Patton's forces occupy Maknassy, Tunisia.

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Irish Brigade - Brigadier Scott near Cassino: "Our job was to relieve 11 Brigade in the middle of the Liri Valley on the banks of the Gari in front of the village of San Angelo. There were a few German aeroplanes playing about but their role seemed to be mostly reconnaissance."

British tanks rout a Japanese tank force at Tamu in India.
New Zealanders make final failed assault on Monte Cassino, Italy.

In US, "A" gas rationing cards cut from 3 gallons/wk to 2 gal/wk.

1945

The U.S. First Army's bridgehead at Remagen is now 30 miles long.

General George Patton's US Third Army crosses Rhine at Nierstein & Oppenheim at night, surprising the Germans.

US Eighth Army secures Panay in the Philippines.



Roll of Honour – March 22

Representing their comrades who died on this day

1916

+ALLEN, Hugh

Royal Irish Rifles, 1st Btn. Rifleman. 11457. Died 22/03/1916. Age 37. Son of James and Margaret Allen, of Belfast. Saily-sur-La-Lys Canadian Cemetery, France

+BROWN, Martin

Royal Irish Rifles, 17th Bn. "B" Coy. 17th Bn. Company Serjeant Major. 1149. Died 22/03/1916. Age 52. Called up as a reservist from his youth work with the Presbyterian Association, he was training recruits at Victoria Barracks, Belfast when he was admitted to hospital where he died. He was accorded full military honours and his cortege was accompanied to Blaris Cemetery. Son of Mr. W. and Mrs. S. Brown of Lisburn; husband to Mary Anne Brown, of 94, Marlborough Park, Belfast. He was father to four sons and two daughters and a member of Richview Presbyterian Church. Blaris Old Burial Ground, Lisburn

+FITZSIMMONS, John

Royal Irish Rifles. Lance Corporal. 14610. Died 22/03/1916. Aged 45. He was injured and died of wounds. Born in Dungannon about 1871. Son of Joseph and Matilda

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Fitzsimmons. The family moved to Belfast. His parents were retired grocers. John worked as a mechanic in a foundry and later as a 'Commercial Traveller Engineering'. Belfast City Cemetery

+JARDINE, John

Lancashire Fusiliers, 16th. Btn. Private. 11557. Died 22/03/1916. Age 39. Son of Joseph Jardine, of Banbridge, Co. Down; husband of Emma Jardine, of 88, St. Simon St., Salford, Manchester. Seapatrick C of I Parish WM, Banbridge

+KEATINGS, David

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 7585. Died 22/03/1916. Age 20. Son of David and Rose Keatings, of Belfast. Ecoivres Military Cemetery, Mont-St Eloi, France

+LEWIS, Samuel John

Royal Irish Rifles, 14th Btn. Rifleman. 14/2915. Died 22/03/1916. Age 19. Son of Samuel J. and Mary Lewis, of Belfast. Forceville Communal Cemetery and extension, France

+NELSON, Matthew

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, B Coy. 9th Btn. Private. 13944. Died 22/03/1916. Age 27. Son of Thomas and Jane Nelson, of 39, New St., Sion Mills; husband to Isabella Mary Nelson, of 11, New St., Sion Mills, Co. Tyrone. Authuille Military Cemetery, Authuille, France

1917

+BEERS, W

Royal Irish Rifles, 11th Btn. attd. 108th Trench Mortar Bty. Rifleman. 18/624. Died 22/03/1917. Age 28. Son of Robert

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Beers, of Belfast Rd., Comber. Kemmel Chateau Military Cemetery, France

+MAGEE, Robert

Royal Irish Rifles, 12th Btn. Rifleman. 19129. Died 22/03/1917. Age 24. Born 30 /04/1892 at Greenville St, Castlereagh, Belfast. He enlisted in Ballymena. Son of David Magee and Margaret Brown. both from Ballymena, were living at Cupar Street, Belfast in 1901 and were at 60 Queen Street, Ballymena in 1911. Bailleul Communal Cemetery Extension. 2nd Ballymena (High Kirk) Presbyterian Church RH.

1918 HMS

GAILLARDIA

+CARGILL, George Roulston

RN. Stoker 1st Class. SS109513. HMS Gaillardia. Died 22/03/1918. Aged 25. Took part in the naval operations in connection with the landing at Gallipoli. HMS Gaillardia was an Aubretia Class Convoy Sloop, 1,250 tons, 17 knots, 92 crew and was built with mercantile appearances and used as Q-ship. On 22/03/1918, in the North Sea, off the Orkney Islands she was carrying out buoying operations in the newly-laid Northern Barrage between Scotland and Norway aimed at interrupting the passage of U-boats into the North Atlantic, when she was blown up and sunk by one of the barrage mines. Although most sources put her loss down to mines, at least one suggests she was torpedoed. At time of death he had a brother on active service in France. Possibly a member of Clooney Hall Methodist Church. Born Londonderry 21/11/1891. Son of George Roulston Cargill and Emma Cargill, Moore St., Waterside, Londonderry. Chatham Naval Memorial. Londonderry, The Diamond WM. ADM 188/1115/109513

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+MAWHINNEY, William

RN. Petty Officer Stoker. 289182. HMS Gaillardia. Died 22/03/1918. Enlisted as a Boy Sailor, he had 20 years of service. Built by Blyth SB and launched on the 19/5/1917, as a minesweeper, HMS Gaillardia was an Aubretia Class Convoy Sloop, 1,250 tons, 17 knots, 92 crew and was built with mercantile appearances and used as Q-ship. On 22/03/1918, in the North Sea, off the Orkney Islands she was carrying out buoying operations in the newly-laid Northern Barrage between Scotland and Norway aimed at interrupting the passage of U-boats into the North Atlantic, when she was blown up and sunk by one of the barrage mines. Although most sources put her loss down to mines, at least one suggests she was torpedoed. Next of kin, Thomas McKeen, Bryan Street, Ballymena. Chatham Naval Memorial

+McGRADY, James

RN. Stoker I. K21819. HMS Gaillardia. Died 22/03/1918. Age 24. Mine explosion in North Sea. Enrolled 07/01/1914 for 12 years. Pembroke I and II, Antrim, Q13 and Gallardia (11/12/1917 - 22/03/1918). Born Belfast 07/05/1894. Son of John and Ann Jane McGrady, Grove St., Belfast. Chatham Naval Memorial, Panel 29. ADM 188/910/21819

1918

+BICKER, Bertie

Royal Dublin Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Private. 20875. Formerly 3088, South Irish Horse. Died 22/03/1918. Age 21. Born in Poyntzpass. He left his effects to his sister Marion Bicker, Church St., Poyntzpass. Son of William and Mary Bicker, of

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Poyntzpass, Co. Armagh. Pozières Memorial, Somme, France.

+BOLTON, W

Royal Army Medical Corps. Private. 59395. Died 22/03/1918. Age 46. Husband to Annie Bolton of 6, Conlon St., Belfast. Dundonald Cemetery, Belfast

+DORNAN, David

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 21st Entrenching Btn., late 10th Btn. Private. 20380. Died 22/03/1918. Age 27 years old. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Dornan, of Cairn View Cottages, Coleraine. Pozières Memorial, Somme, France.

+FINNEGAN, Robert Thomas

RASC. Private. M2/274193. Attached to the 110 Field Ambulance, RAMC. Died of wounds in German hands at Grand Seracourt on the Somme on the 21/03/18. Age 19. Born in Shankill, he lived and enlisted at Belfast. Son of John Maxwell Finnegan and Susan Wilson Finnegan. In June 1920, his mother unveiled the War Memorial in Boardmills Second Presbyterian Church on which his death is also commemorated. At the service the Rev. Robert Kelso explained the circumstances in which he had died. "Mortally wounded at Grand Seracourt, he ... could have saved himself ... had he retired without his wounded, but that Robert Finnegan would not do, and little further was known beyond the fact that he died after capture". His name was included on the memorial at Boardmills "on account of his long association with their manse", where his maternal grandfather had been a minister. Pozieres Memorial, France. Boardmills Second Presbyterian Church WM

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+FODEY, Bernard John

Highland Light Infantry. 10th/11th Btn. Private. 38121. Died 22/03/1918. Report from Rev. John Muir, Chaplain B.E.F. Strabane connection. Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France

+FORBES, John Forbes

9th (North Irish Horse) Battalion, Royal Irish Fusiliers. Formerly of the North Irish Horse. Private. 41453. Died on the second day of the battle of St Quentin, 22/03/1918, "while attempting to rescue a wounded comrade from German hands" according to the Belfast News-Letter. Private Forbes enlisted in the North Irish Horse at Antrim on 19/11/1915 (No.1924). He was sent to France as a reinforcement on 27 /07/1916 and was posted to D Squadron of the 1st North Irish Horse Regiment. On 20/09/1917 he was transferred to the 9th (NIH) Battalion, Royal Irish Fusiliers. He was posted to C Company. From Moneydollog, Ahoghill, he was a clerk in the linen business. He was born on 04/05/1895, son of farmer George Forbes and his wife Elizabeth (nee Knox). Pozieres Memorial panel 77. It is possible that his body is one of two unidentified North Irish Horsemen who lie in the Grand Seraucourt British Cemetery.

+GOURLEY, Joseph Leo

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, Sergeant. Died 22/03/1918. Son of Joseph and Jane Gourley nee McKaig, of Winetavern Street, Belfast. One of five brothers serving. A sixth brother Rifleman Francis Gourley, Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, died on the 27/03/1918.

+GOVAN, William

Military Mounted Police. Lance Corporal. P/8092. William was reported as missing following the German Spring Offensive in March 1918. It was later accepted that he had died of wounds "on or since" 22 March. Govan enlisted in the North Irish Horse at Belfast on 8 or 9 September 1914 (No.1176). He embarked for France with D Squadron on 01/05/1915. In February 1917 he transferred to the Military Mounted Police. He was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1894 or 1895, son of life assurance superintendent John Govan and his Antrim-born wife Sarah. Between 1901 and 1911 the family moved to Ireland. In 1911 they were living at 22 Kelvin Parade, Belfast, William working as a timber merchant's clerk. Pozieres Memorial, Somme, France.

+HARKIN, Charles

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 1st Btn. Private. 27452. Died 22/03/1918. Aged 22. Eldest son of Philip and Susanna Harkin. Born 07/10/1896 in the Moy area. He was one of five children. His father was an agricultural labourer. In his will, Charles left all to his mother Susanna Harkin, who was living in Stangmore, Dungannon. Pozières Memorial, Somme, France. Dungannon WM, Moy WM

+HARTE, John Jack

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Private. Military Medal. 15589. Died 22/03/1918 of wounds. Son of John and Elizabeth Harte. He was born on 31/05/1894 in Desertmartin. Jack, as he was known locally, lived with the family in Castledawson. His father was an Engine Man. Jack was a linen lapper. Jack was one of 10 children. St Pierre Cemetery, Amiens, Somme, France. Castledawson WM.

Castledawson LOL 96 RH

+HILL, William

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 1st Btn. Private. 40675. Died 22/03/1918. Age 27. Son of Mrs. Margaret Mason, of 9, Hunt St., Belfast. Poziers Memorial, France

+HODGE, Samuel

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 1st Btn. Private. 3619. Died 22/03/1918. Age 32 years old. Son of the late Thomas and Elizabeth Hodge; husband of Mary Hodge, of 37, Salsbury Avenue, Toronto, Canada. Pozières Memorial, Somme, France.

+JACKSON, James

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 1st Btn. Serjeant. 15634. Died 22/03/1918. Age 34. Son of George Jackson, of 50, Fountain St., Londonderry. Pozières Memorial, Somme, France.

+KEATINGS, David

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 7585. Died 22/03/1916. Age 20. Son of David and Rose Keatings, of Belfast. Ecoivres Military Cemetery, Mont-St Eloi, France

+LENAGHAN, Thomas

Royal Engineers, 97th Field Coy. Sapper. 46072. Died 22/03/1918. Age 24. Son of Robert Lenaghan, of 60, Brookeale St., Antrim Rd., Belfast. Pozieres Memorial, France

+LEWIS, Samuel John

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Royal Irish Rifles, 14th Btn. Rifleman. 14/2915. Died 22/03/1916. Age 19 years old. Son of Samuel J. and Mary Lewis, of Belfast. Forceville Communal Cemetery, France

+LYNESS, Matthew

Royal Irish Rifles, 1st Btn. Serjeant. 11/6493. Formerly 3088, South Irish Horse. Died 22/03/1918. Age 28. Son of Mary Ann Lyness, of 35, Millbrook Rd., Lisburn. St Pierre Cemetery, Amiens

+MAGEE, John Gilmor

Highland Light Infantry, 14th Btn. Formerly Cameronians (Scottish Rifles - 23371). Corporal. 29112. Died 22/03/1918. Aged 19. Born on 05/06/1898 in the Cookstown area. He was one of at least eleven children. Son of Alexander and Sarah Ann Magee of Orritor, Cookstown. John was employed with his father at Wellbrook until early 1916. He was a member of the Ulster Volunteer Force and of Orritor L.O.L. He went to work in Glasgow. He joined the Cameronians (Scottish Rifles). He subsequently transferred to the Highland Light Infantry. Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Cookstown WM, St Luran's Church RH

+MARTIN, Leslie

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 1st Btn. Private. 28406. Died 22/03/1918. Born and lived in Upperlands, County Londonderry. He enlisted in Cookstown. Pozières Memorial, Somme, France. Cookstown War Dead Book

+McCARTER, Andrew

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 1st Btn. Private. 27249. Died 22/03/1918. Age 19 years old. Son of Alexander and Mary McCarter, of 64, Glendermott Rd., Waterside, Londonderry.

Pozières Memorial, Somme, France.

+McCARTER, David

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 1st Btn. Private. 22351. Died 22/03/1918. Age 28 years old. Son of Mrs. Margaret McCarter, of 29, Lower Bennett St., Londonderry. Savy British Cemetery, Roupy Road German Cem., France

+McCARTNEY, Henry

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 9th Btn. Corporal. 17360. Military Medal. Died 22/03/1918. Age 25. Son of Henry and Margaret McCartney, of Mullycavan, Roslea, Co. Fermanagh. Pozières Memorial, Somme, France

+ McCONAGHIE, Thomas

RN. Leading Stoker. 310567. Died of illness 22/03/1918. HMS Victory II. Enrolled 14/07/1906. War service in Hercules and Victory II. Born Ballymoney 10/07/1886. ADM 188/508/310567

+McILWAINE, Julian Mackey

Royal Flying Corps, 12 Squadron. 5th Royal Irish Rifles. Julian was born on 30/09/1888 in Townsville, Queensland, Australia, the son of Edward Nangle MacIlwaine and Julia Alma Gausson MacIlwaine later of 67, Eglantine Avenue, Belfast. After attending RBAI (Inst), Julian was working as a stockbroking manager when he applied for a commission with the Royal Irish Rifles. In early 1915, he qualified as an instructor at the School of Musketry in Dublin and after proceeding to the Western Front, suffered an abdominal wound caused by a rifle bullet when in action at Fromelles,

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on 26/04/1915. He returned to action with the Royal Flying Corps. Julian was examined by a medical board on 08/06/1917 at the Waldorf Hotel in London, the report stating "he has thickened arteries - cardiac hypertrophy - gives a history of being run over by a motor lorry - may have one more try at flying." He was flying in RE8 B4040, with Second Lieutenant William Magnus Irvine, on the IV Corps front, when they were reported as missing on 22/03/1918. His three brothers also served in the war, all surviving. Arras Flying Services Memorial, Pas de Calais, France

+McSWIGGAN, Thomas

Royal Scots, 11th Btn. Corporal. 2098. Died 22/03/1918. His father had served in the Royal Irish Constabulary. He retired to Omagh. The family later lived in Belfast. Thomas worked as a journalist and later lived in Frazerburgh where he enlisted. Pozieres Memorial, France

+NEVIN, Daniel Patrick

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 1st Btn. Private. 15903. Died 22/03/1918. Age 18. Aged fifteen, Private Daniel Nevin enlisted at the outbreak of war, giving a false age. He survived many horrific battles and was wounded at the Somme on 01/07/1916. In March 1918 he was reported missing, believed killed, when his platoon's position at the village of Hamel was obliterated during a pre-assault bombardment and subsequently overwhelmed. Surprisingly, his father served in the same unit throughout the war, but survived. He was not with the battalion during the fateful attack as he was suffering from the results of gas and shell shock. He was discharged that November, and returned alone to Ballymoney and his family. Son of James M. and

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Catherine Nevin, of Church St., Ballymoney. Ballymoney
WM

+PATTERSON, Robert

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. Corporal. 8902. Died
22/03/1918. Age 28 years old. Son of William Patterson, of
54, Foundry St., Belfast.(Northern Whig 06/05/1918). Savy
British Cemetery, France

+ROLLINS, George

Leicestershire Regiment, 1st Btn. Private. 201382. Died
22/03/1918. Age 27. Son of William B. Rollins, of 50, Rainey
St., Belfast. Arras Memorial, France

+RUSSELL, Alexander

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 1st Btn. Private. 28406. Died
22/03/1918 of wounds. Son of Alexander and Mary Jane
Russell. Alexander was born in County Antrim sometime
around 1888. Alexander's father is believed to have died
shortly after his birth. His mother remarried in 1900. The
1911 census lists Alexander as age 17, working as a farm
servant for the McIntyre's at house 29 in Tamlaghtduff,
Bellaghy. Alexander Russell enlisted in Glasgow. Savy
British Cemetery, St Quentin, France . Castledawson WM,
Bellaghy Presbyterian Church RH

+SLEVIN, John

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 1st Btn. Private. 20439. Died
22/03/1918. Aged 20. John enlisted in Omagh with Royal
Inniskilling Fusiliers in his late teens. Born in Fintona on
09/05/1898. He was one of four children, all of whom were
twins. Son of James and Elizabeth Slevin, of Killymoon St.,

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Cookstown. Pozieres Memorial, Somme, France.

Cookstown WM

+SPILLANE, Samuel

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 11th Btn. Private. 28435. Died 22/03/1918 at Passchendaele. His brother James also fell. Third son of John and Maggie Spillane. He was born on 09/06/1891. He was one of seven children. They lived in Mormeal, Tobermore, County Londonderry. His father, who hailed from Tipperary, was a Farmer and Civil Bill Officer. James too became a farmer. Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Tobermore WM, Tobermore C of I RH

1919

+GRAYDON, Charles

RAF. Aircraftman 2nd Class. 286836. Died 22/03/1919. Aged 17. Son of James Graydon and Emily Lee Graydon, of 58, Surrey St., Belfast. Born at Newtownbutler. Galloon (St. Comgall) Church of Ireland Churchyard, County Fermanagh

+PARKER, James

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 5/5749. transf. to 890th Area Employment Coy. Labour Corps. 411318. Died 22/03/1919. Age 22. Son of James and Dinah Parker, of 18, Jennymount St., Belfast. Carnmoney Cemetery

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+INGHAM, Francis Bernard

Royal Garrison Artillery. Gunner.144500. Died 22/03/1922. Francis Ingham joined the Royal Garrison Artillery on 12/02/1917 in Omagh. Gunner Francis Ingham was discharged from the army on 02/07/1918, due to 'melancholia - not attributed to service'. He was the only son of Albert and Emily Ingham. Francis was born about 1900 in County Louth. His father Albert was an organist and teacher of music. The family lived in Jocelyn Street, Dundalk. The family were later recorded as living at Park Road, Dungannon. Dungannon WM

1941

+CALLAGHAN, Felix Leonard

RAF. Leading Aircraftman. 624558. Died 22/03/1941. Aged 21. Son of Patrick J. Callaghan and Mary Ann Callaghan, of Mullaghbawn, Co. Armagh. Moose Jaw (Rosedale) Cemetery, Saskatchewan, Canada

1943

+MARLOW, Peter

Royal Artillery. 3 Maritime Regt. 5 Bty. Gunner. 6292446. Died 22/03/1943. Age 24. Son of John and Eliza Marlow. of Seskinore. Fintona (St. Peter's and St. Paul's) Roman Catholic Cemetery

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+HOLMES, Kenneth Thomas Shaw

RAFVR. Flight Lieutenant. 132792. Died 22/03/1944. 158 Sqd. Son of Thomas S. S. and Kathleen L. Holmes, Belfast. Gosselies Communal Cemetery, Belgium

+REECE, Albert

Northamptonshire Regiment, 1st Btn. Lance Corporal. 5882889. Died 22/03/1944. Age 29. Son of George A. and Celia Reece; husband of Bridget Reece, of Leggamaddy, Co. Down. Rangoon Memorial, Myanmar

+WEBB, John Cameron Keith

RAFVR. Flight Sergeant (Pilot). 1498781. Died 22/03/1944. Aged 20. 35 Sqdn. Bombing raid over Germany. Son of John Alexander Webb and Anne Hull Webb, of Belfast. Durnbach War Cemetery, Bayern, Germany. Stormont Presbyterian Church

1945

+IRWIN, Norman

Royal Ulster Rifles, The London Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 14417552. Died 22/03/1945. Aged 21. There were three men injured and two killed in F Coy during the night when a Bofors grenade fell short and exploded at the Senio river. Son of Robert and Daisy Evelyn Irwin, of Belfast. Faenza War Cemetery, Italy

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HAYLAND, George Dominic

Indian Army. Major. Son of Col. Arthur Rowley Heyland, 1st Bombay Lancers. Died at Ballintemple 22/03/1934. Garvagh.

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