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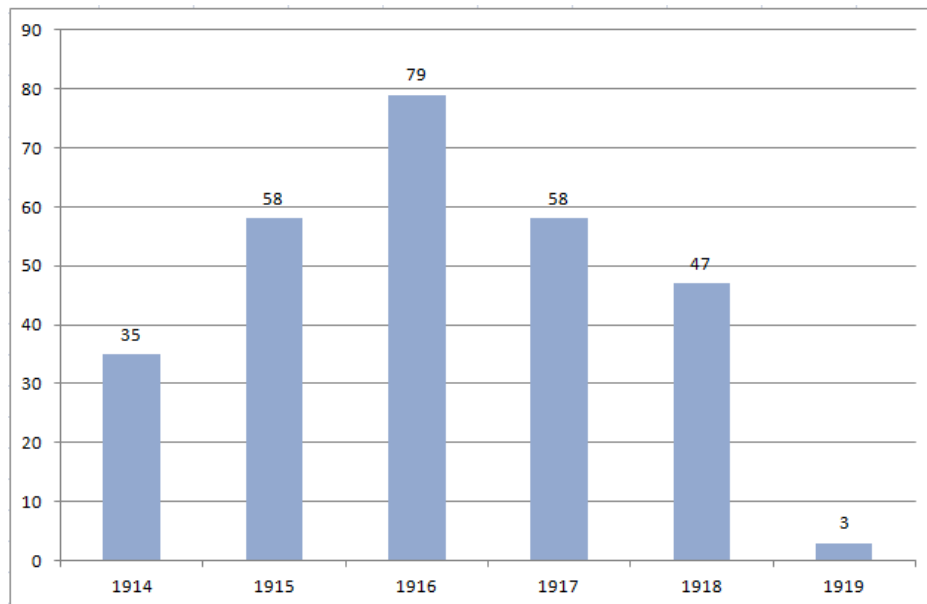


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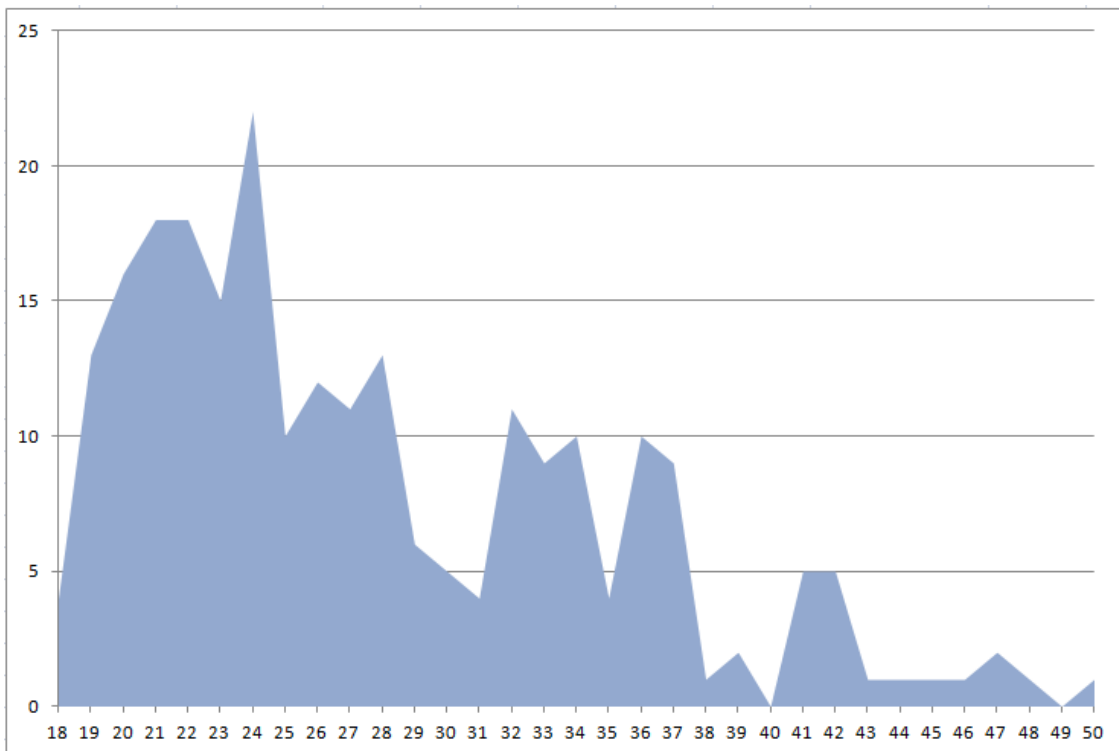
The Great War had a great impact on the cricket community of Ireland. From the early days of the war until almost a year to the day after Armistice Day, there were fatalities, all of whom had some cricket heritage, either in their youth or just prior to the outbreak of the war. Based on a review of the contemporary press, Great War histories, war memorials, cricket books, journals and websites there were 289 men who died during or shortly after the war or as a result of injuries received, and one, Frank Browning who died during the 1916 Easter Rising, though he was heavily involved in organising the Sporting Pals in Dublin. These men came from all walks of life, from communities all over Ireland, England, Scotland, Wales, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, South Africa, India and Sri Lanka. For all but four of the fifty-two months which the war lasted, from August 1914 to November 1918, one or more men died who had a cricket connection in Ireland or abroad. The worst day in terms of losses from a cricketing perspective was the first day of the Battle of the Somme, 1 July 1916, when eighteen men lost their lives. It is no coincidence to find that the next day which suffered the most losses, 9 September 1916, at the start of the Battle of Ginchy when six men died. Three men were killed on the first day of the Battle of Loos, 25 September 1915, while on the first day of the German spring offensive 21 March 1918, codenamed 'Operation Michael' five more were killed.



Year of death for 280 men who died during the Great War

Of the 289 men who died it has been possible to identify the place of origin or birth of 250 of them. Most of those who died were from Co. Antrim, Belfast, Co. Down (70), with 42 from Dublin. Men from all counties of Ireland with the exception of Longford were affected in this casualty list. It further demonstrates the distribution areas of men who enlisted and ultimately paid the ultimate sacrifice. Indeed, men from various ranks and regiments are accounted for also. In terms of the military, the rank of 283 men can be ascertained, based principally on a research of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission records. Of these the rank of Second Lieutenant suffered the most losses at 74, followed by that of Lieutenant at 63; Captain at 58, Private at 22 and Sergeant at 11. In total there were twenty-seven different ranks which experienced loss, indicative of the indiscriminate nature of war.

In terms of the ages of those who died it has been possible to identify the age of 245 of the men. The youngest who died were 18 and the oldest was 62. Between the ages of 18 and 30 there were 163 men who died, representing 56.4% of all losses, or 66.83% of those for whom the ages are known. There are records for men who died at all ages between 18 and 52 inclusive, except for 40 and 49. This again is indicative of the wide spread of age cohort of the men who enlisted.



Age at time of death of 241 men during the Great War (1 each for 51, 52, 58, 62 not included)

Above all, the list of names and brief biographies which follow are but a sample example of the sacrifice which thousands of men and women made during the Great War, a war which impacted on the whole world and by association here, the cricket community of Ireland. While there is no claim here to have included all of the men who died who had some cricket connection with some part of Ireland, the list is as extensive as I have been able to make it. I sincerely thank Dr Murray Power for his time and assistance in researching several of the men included in this paper. His recent award for services to cricket is testament to his all round work to promote and support cricket in Ireland. I am also greatly indebted to many others who have assisted me in my research - Gerard Siggins, John and Ellen Elder, Barry Chambers, Tom Burnell, Michael O'Dwyer, Billy Platt, Deryck Vincent (Clontarf CC), Graham Watt (Cregagh CC), Clarence Hiles, Keith Haines, Jason Burke, John McCormick and David Penney. Special thanks to the Commonwealth Graves Commission for the wonderful service they provide in recording details and certificates to the fallen. Each entry, which follows, concludes with a mention of memorials to the fallen, most of which are taken from the records of the CWGC. Thanks also to compilers of other websites used as part of my research. These sites are listed, where applicable, in the respective biography where used and also at the end in the bibliography section.

My intention has been to record the fallen that had some cricket connection to Ireland and during the centenary of the Great War, to remember them. Some may have only played cricket in school, some as recreation, while others were more skilful and had played at international level. The biographies are entered chronologically and alphabetically. Unfortunately for some of the entries, it has not been possible, so far, to find further information for some of the men. The listings which follow are not exhaustive but are as complete as I have been able to make them, as noted. I am also conscious of the men who survived, who were injured or maimed and may not have played cricket again. I would expect that there are omissions, or perhaps errors, in some of the records I would be happy to amend where I can. Any additional information to men named in the following listings, or new entries, who had a cricket connection with any part of Ireland, or were themselves born in Ireland would be greatly appreciated. Please contact me at the following email: [cricketresearch\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:cricketresearch(at)gmail.com).

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WAKEFIELD, ROGER OWEN BIRKBECK (1892-1914)

Lieutenant Roger Owen Birkbeck Wakefield was born on 20 July 1892, the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wakefield, Farnagh, Moate, County Westmeath. He was educated at Moorland House at Heswall, Merseyside, and Repton School in Derbyshire.¹ While at Repton he won awards in shooting and cricket in 1908.² He went to the R.M.C. Sandhurst, in February 1911, and was gazetted to the Royal Irish Fusiliers in February, 1912, joining his battalion at Shorncliffe. He was promoted Lieutenant in January 1914.³ He left for France with his battalion, which formed part of the 10th Brigade, Fourth Division, on the 21 August, 1914, and was seriously wounded on the 26th of that month at Caudry, dying the next day in the temporary hospital there, aged 22 years. He is remembered with honour at Caudry Old Communal Cemetery, Nord, France.

SHINE, JOHN DENIS (c.1895-1914)

Second Lieutenant John Denis Shine was a son of Col. J. M. F. Shine, C.B. and Kathleen Shine, Abbeyside, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford. He was born on September 11, 1894, at Corradino House, Malta.⁴ He was educated at Downside School, which he attended from September 1905 to July 1912.⁵ While there he was a member of the cricket, hockey and football teams.⁶ He captained the cricket XI. He was also at Sandhurst College. He was posted to the 1st Battalion, and was attached to the 2nd Battalion, Royal Irish Regiment at Devenport, pending embarkation to India.⁷ When the war broke out he went to the front with his battalion. The war was still in its infancy when Second Lieutenant Shine was killed on 25 August 1914, aged 19 years. His brother, Second Lieutenant H.P. Shine, also fell in the war. Another brother was also killed in action. Second Lieut. John D. Shine is remembered with honour at Mons (Bergen) Communal Cemetery, Hainaut, Belgium.

BROWNING, CHARLES HUNTER (c.1878-1914)

Captain Charles Hunter Browning was a native of England. He was a son of Capt. Hugh E. and Mrs. Browning, late of Clapham Park, Bedfordshire. Prior to the War he was posted to Ireland and he played cricket with the military teams when stationed in the Curragh Barracks.⁸ During the War he served with 124th Battery 28th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery. He was killed in action

¹ Clutterbuck, L.A. and Dooner, W.T. *The Bond of Sacrifice. A Biographical Record of all British Officers Who Fell in the Great War. Volume 1 Aug – Dec., 1914* (London, 1917), p. 422.

² Glucksman Library, University of Limerick. Online [http://longwaytotipperary.ul.ie/the-military/royal-irish-fusiliers/meet-fusiliers/roger-2/](http://longwaytotipperary.ul.ie/the-military/royal-irish-fusiliers/meet-fusiliers/roger-2/http://longwaytotipperary.ul.ie/the-military/royal-irish-fusiliers/meet-fusiliers/roger-2/) Accessed 17 June 2015.

³ Clutterbuck and Dooner. *Bond of Sacrifice*, p. 422.

⁴ *Irish Examiner*, 2 December 1914, p. 7. Clutterbuck and Dooner. *Bond of Sacrifice*, p. 356.

⁵ *The Downside Review* No. 109, p. 73.

⁶ Renshaw, Andrew. *Wisden on the Great War* (London, 2014), p. 92.

⁷ Clutterbuck and Dooner. *Bond of Sacrifice*, p. 357.

⁸ *The Irish Times*, 12 September 1914, p. 3.

on 26 August 1914, aged 36 years. He fell on the same day as one of his comrades in the Curragh, Second Lieutenant C.H. Coghlan (see below). Captain Charles H. Browning is remembered with honour at Le Cateau Military Cemetery, Nord, France.

COGHLAN, WILLIAM HUMPHREY (c.1890-1914)

Second Lieutenant William Humphrey Coghlan was a son of Colonel and Mrs. Charles Coghlan. He was educated at the Oratory School and University College, Oxford. Attached to the 11th Battery 15th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery, he spent some time at the Curragh, Co. Kildare. While there he played cricket for the R.F.A.⁹ He was killed in action on 26 August 1914, aged 24 years. Second Lieutenant William H. Coghlan is remembered with honour at Le Cateau Military Cemetery, Nord, France.

MOODY, ROWLAND HARRY MAINWARING (c.1876-1915)

Captain Rowland Harry Mainwaring Moody was a son of Sir John and Mrs. Moody. His father was an Ulster Officer. Captain Moody was a keen cricketer and played with the M.C.C. when he was stationed in Belfast he was a member of North of Ireland CC.¹⁰ He served with distinction in South Africa. He was married to Sybil Marie Moody (*née* Bishop). Serving with the Lancashire Fusiliers he was initially reported missing, but was killed at Cambrai on 26 August 1914.¹¹ He was 39 years old. He is remembered with honour at La Ferte-Sous-Jouarre Memorial, Seine-et-Marne, France.

NISBET, FRANK SCOBELL (c.1878-1914)

Captain and Adjutant Frank Scobell Nisbet was a son of the Rev. Canon and Mrs. Nisbet, of Ickham Rectory, Canterbury. Having previously served in the South African campaign he was with the 2nd Battalion, Manchester Regiment in the Great War. He was well known in hunting and cricketing circles in Co Kildare.¹² He scored 173 for 2nd Battalion Manchester Regiment in a match against the 1st Battalion King's Royal Rifle Corps at Portsmouth in August 1909. In doing so he had a first wicket partnership of 290 with C.W. Woods (141).¹³ Mentioned in Despatches he was trying to save the life of a private when he was killed at Mons on 26 August 1914, aged 36 years. He is remembered with honour at La Ferte-Sous-Jouarre Memorial, Seine-et-Marne, France.

TRUEMAN, CHARLES FITZGERALD HAMILTON (c.1877-1914)

Captain Charles Fitzgerald Hamilton Trueman was a son of Lt. Col. and Mrs. C. Hamilton Trueman, Oakwell-in-the-Blean, Canterbury. He played a three-day match for Ireland against

⁹ *The Irish Times*, 12 September 1914, p. 3.

¹⁰ *Irish Independent*, 4 August 1915, p. 7.

¹¹ *The Irish Times*, 14 August 1915, p. 6.

¹² *Kildare Observer*, 12 September 1914, p. 9.

¹³ Renshaw. *Wisden on the Great War*, p. 89.

Cambridge University at Cork, in July 1904.¹⁴ He served with the 2nd Battalion, Manchester Regiment. He was killed in the first month of the war on 26 August 1914, aged 37 years. He is remembered with honour at Le Cateau Military Cemetery, Nord, France.

FITZGERALD, GERALD HUGH (1886-1914)

Captain Gerald Hugh Fitzgerald was born at Johnstown Castle, Co. Wexford on 11 April 1886, the only son of Lord Maurice and Lady Fitzgerald. He was educated at Eton. He 'joined the Royal North Devon Hussars (Yeomanry) from which he was gazette to the Royal Irish Dragoon Guards in December 1907 obtaining his troop in November 1913'.¹⁵ Captain Fitzgerald had varied recreations ranging from hunting and shooting to polo and cricket. He was shot in the head while taking machine-gun observations on 13 September 1914, aged 28 years. He left behind a wife Dorothy Fitzgerald, the youngest daughter of Spencer Charrington, of Winchfield Hampshire, whom he married on 6 August 1914. He is remembered with honour at Bourg-Et-Comin Communal Cemetery, Aisne, France.

HUGHES, WILLIAM SLADEN (1889-1914)

Second Lieutenant William Sladen Hughes was born on 17 September 1889 at Blackrock, Co. Dublin a son of Mr. and Mrs. A.F. Hughes, Hillbrook, Birr, Co. Offaly and formerly of Cappy, Enniskillen, Co. Fermanagh. He was a nephew of Colonel E.A. Hughes, 2nd Queen's; Colonel J. Hughes, Cameronians and Colonel G.A. Hughes, Royal Army Medical Corps. William was educated at Aravon School, Bray, Co. Wicklow, and Sedbergh, Yorkshire. He was a member of the Wanderers Football Club and of several golf and cricket clubs.¹⁶ He completed two trainings with the Inniskilling Fusiliers and afterwards served on probation for one year to the 2nd Royal Sussex Regiment, in which he received his commission as a Second Lieutenant on 22 May 1912. He was killed in action at Vendresse in the Battle of the Aisne on 14 September 1914, aged almost 25 years. He is remembered with honour at La Ferte-Sous-Jouarre memorial, Seine-et-Marne, France. He is also remembered on the Great War memorial at Sedbergh School, Yorkshire.

INIGO-JONES, HENRY RICHMOND (1891-1914)

An early casualty of the Great War was Lieutenant Henry Richmond Inigo-Jones. He was born on December 17, 1891, a son of Major General Inigo-Jones and Elinor M. Inigo-Jones (*née* Charteris), of 10 South Audley Street, London. Lt. Henry was a grandson of Lieutenant Colonel the Hon. Richard and Lady Margaret Charteris, Cahir Park, Co. Tipperary.¹⁷ From an early age, the youthful Henry visited Cahir, where he soon formed his own cricket team, playing against the local teams in the vicinity of Cahir. Each summer from 1904 to 1906, after finishing school in Eton, he was to be found on the cricket fields around Cahir. In 1904/05, he played with a

¹⁴ Renshaw. *Wisden on the Great War*, p. 448.

¹⁵ Clutterbuck and Dooner. *Bond of Sacrifice*, p. 135.

¹⁶ Clutterbuck and Dooner. *Bond of Sacrifice*, p. 199.

¹⁷ Clutterbuck and Dooner. *Bond of Sacrifice*, p. 207.

juvenile team, which bore his name.¹⁸ In 1906, he was a member of a team selected by W.F.H. Watson. He subsequently became a member of Cahir Park CC and from August 1909 to August 1913, he returned each summer to play for the club, for which he also became captain.¹⁹ He joined the Scots Guards as a 2nd Lieutenant in 1912 and was promoted to Lieutenant in 1913. When the war started, Lt. Henry was part of the first troop movement, which crossed the channel to Europe. When British forces came up against German opposition at Mons, Belgium, Lt. Henry lost his life in an attack on a ridge overlooking the River Aisne. Serving with the 1st Battalion Scots Guards, he died on September 14, 1914, aged 22 years. He was the first war casualty among those listed on the Cahir War Memorial, Co. Tipperary. He is also remembered on the La Ferte-Sous-Jouarre memorial, Seine-et-Marne, France.

PAYNE-GALLWEY, WILLIAM THOMAS (1881-1914)

Captain William Thomas Payne-Gallwey was born on 25 March 1881, at Blackrock, Co. Dublin, the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph William Frankland-Payne-Gallwey. He had four sisters. He was a right-arm fast bowler and was second in the Eton averages for 1900 with 27 wickets at 18.37.²⁰ In August 1900 he played for Yorkshire's second XI against Surrey second XI at the Oval in the Minor Counties Championship. He was a regular player for the Household Brigade between 1901 and 1914. He played two first-class matches in May 1912 at Lord's, for MCC against Yorkshire and for the Army against the Royal Navy.²¹ He served with the 2nd Battalion, Grenadier Guards during the war. He died in action during the early engagements of the war at Vendresse, Troyon, France on 14 September 1914, aged 33 years. He is remembered with honour at La Ferte-Sous-Jouarre Memorial, Seine-et-Marne, France.

MAGENIS, RICHARD HENRY COLE (1887-1914)

Second Lieutenant Richard Henry Cole Magenis was born on 20 April 1887, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cole Magenis, Drumdoe, Boyle, Co. Roscommon. He was educated at Radley College, Oxfordshire. He was a cricket and football player, while he also enjoyed hunting, shooting, fishing and tennis.²² He served with the 3rd Battalion, attached to 3rd Battalion, Royal Irish Rifles. Second Lieutenant Magenis was shot while advancing on enemy trenches at the Battle of the Aisne. He was killed in action on 15 September 1914, aged 27 years. He is remembered with honour at La Ferte-Sous-Jouarre memorial, Seine-et-Marne, France.

DE BURGH, THOMAS (c.1888-1914)

Lieutenant Thomas de Burgh was the youngest son of Lieutenant-Colonel Thomas John and Emily de Burgh, Oldtown, Naas, Co. Kildare. In his youth he played cricket on the county ground, which was situated at Oldtown. He appeared on the S. Saunderson XI in 1900, playing

¹⁸ *Clonmel Chronicle*, 17 August 1904, p. 3; 19 August 1905, p. 3.

¹⁹ *Cashel Sentinel*, 18 September 1909, p. 3; *Clonmel Chronicle*, 24 August 1910, p. 2; 26 September 1914, p. 5.

²⁰ Renshaw. *Wisden on the Great War*, p. 90.

²¹ Renshaw. *Wisden on the Great War*, p. 90.

²² Clutterbuck and Dooner. *Bond of Sacrifice*, p. 249.

alongside one of his brothers.²³ When the war broke out in Europe he saw action with the 31st Duke of Connaught's Own Lancers. He died shortly after the war had started, on September 17, 1914, aged 26 years. He is remembered with honour on the Neuve-Chapelle Memorial, Pas de Calais, France.

BROWN, HUBERT WILLIAM (1890-1914)

Lieutenant Hubert William Brown was born on 11 January 1890 at Greenville, Waterford, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Mosse Brown. He was educated at Aravon School, Bray, Co. Wicklow; St. Faughnan's College, Co. Cork and Cheltenham College, England, where he was a prefect. While attending school there he was also in the cricket XI.²⁴ He served with the 2nd Battalion Royal Irish Regiment in the war. He died of wounds received while fighting in the Cameroons on 19 September 1914, aged 24 years. He is remembered with honour at the Lokoja Memorial, Nigeria.

BALL, WILLIAM ORMSBY WYNDHAM (1889-1914)

Lieutenant William Ormsby Wyndham Ball was a son of Henry Wyndham Ball and Elizabeth Ball, 5 Palmerston Park, Rathmines, Dublin. His father worked in the Registry of Deeds, Dublin. William was educated at St. Andrew's College, Dublin from September 1900 to January 1907.²⁵ He played cricket at Trinity College Dublin, appearing on the second XI in 1912.²⁶ He represented Ireland in six international hockey matches in 1910 and 1911. He became a Lieutenant in the Royal Army Medical Corps on 24 January 1913, attached to the 2nd South Staffordshire Regiment. He was killed in action by shell fire at Sonpir, on the Aisne, France, on 26 September 1914, aged 24 years.²⁷ He is remembered with honour at La Ferte-Sous-Jouarre Memorial, Seine-et-Marne, France. He is also commemorated on the St. Andrews War Memorial and at Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital.

MANDER, D'ARCY WENTWORTH (c.1863-1914)

Major D'Arcy Wentworth Mander was a son of Charles John and Louisa Mander, 21, Carlton Road, Putney, London. He was married to Esme Mary, a daughter of S. Sealy Allin, The College, Youghal. They later resided at 1 Lionel Road, Bexhill, Sussex. He saw service in India. He was later stationed in Cork and Fermoy military barracks. While there he was one of the best cricketers in the Durham Light Infantry.²⁸ He was killed in action at the Battle of the Aisne on 30 September 1914, while serving with the 2nd Battalion, Durham Light Infantry, aged 51 years. He left behind two children when he was killed. Major D'Arcy W. Mander is remembered with honour at Vendresse British Cemetery, Aisne, France.

²³ *Freemans Journal*, 8 September 1900, p. 7.

²⁴ Clutterbuck and Dooner. *Bond of Sacrifice*, p. 52.

²⁵ Casey, P.J., Cullen, K.T. and Duignan, J.P. *Irish Doctors in the First World War* (Sallins, 2015), p. 217.

²⁶ Information based on a database of Dublin University cricket players compiled by David Penney.

²⁷ Casey, Cullen and Duignan. *Irish Doctors*, p. 217.

²⁸ *Irish Examiner*, 29 September 1914, p. 6.

COMBE, SAMUEL BARBOUR (c.1880-1914)

Lieutenant Samuel Barbour Combe was married to Mary Theresa Combe, Donaghcloney, Co. Down. He was a member of Waringstown CC, and a brother-in-law of Holt Waring, who also died in the war (see below).²⁹ He was with the North Irish Horse in Europe. He died on 30 September 1914, aged 34 years. He is remembered with honour at Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. He is also commemorated on the Waringstown War Memorial, Banbridge Road, Waringstown, County Down.

WARING, RURIC HENRY (c.1877-1914)

Lieutenant Commander Ruric Henry Waring was the second son of Thomas and Fanny Waring, Waringstown, Co. Down. He was educated at Stubbington House. He joined the Royal Navy in 1893 and became a midshipman in 1895, drafted to H.M.S. Britannia. He was raised to a sub-lieutenancy in 1899 and was promoted lieutenant after eighteen months' service for meritorious examinations.

In 1910, after seventeen years service, he retired on half-pay owing to ill-health, with the rank of Lieutenant Commander and was placed on the naval reserve list. In 1914, on the recommendation of the Admiralty, Ruric was about to accept an appointment in the Chinese Navy when war was declared. In the intervening years, he helped in the military drilling of the local men of the Ulster Volunteer Force and was a Company commander in the 2nd Battalion West Down Regiment. He was also Vice-President of Waringstown Cricket Club.³⁰

In August 1914, with the outbreak of war, Ruric regained his former rank of Lieutenant Commander and joined H.M.S. Hawke at Queenstown, where he awaited further orders to set sail. On 15th October 1914, the British cruiser H.M.S. Hawke was torpedoed by the German submarine U-9 in the northern waters of the North Sea and it sank in a few minutes.

Captain Hugh P.E.T. Williams, commanding the Hawke, twenty six officers and five hundred men were lost with the ship. Only four officers and around sixty men were saved. Among those that perished was Lieutenant Commander Ruric Henry Waring, aged 37 years. News of his death was received by his brother Holt in October 1914.

Ruric Waring is commemorated on Panel 1 of the Chatham Naval Memorial, Kent, England. It is one of three naval memorials alongside the naval ports of Plymouth and Portsmouth, to commemorate those members of the Royal Navy who have no known grave. Chatham Naval memorial commemorates 8,515 sailors who lost their lives in the Great War and 10,098 sailors of the Second World War. Ruric Waring died, aged just 37. He is also commemorated on the Waringstown War Memorial, Banbridge Road, Waringstown, County Down.

²⁹ Hiles, J. Clarence. *A History of Senior Cricket in Ulster* (Comber, 2001), p. 96.

³⁰ UlsterWarMemorials.net Online: http://www.ulsterwarmemorials.net/html/waringstown_county_down.html (accessed 10 March 2018) Information taken from Elliott, Leslie and Stevenson, David. Mark Hudson (ed.) *The story of a Banner. Waringstown during World War I.* (Waringstown, 2007).

Ruric's brother, Holt, served in the North Irish Horse in the Great War and was killed in action on 15 April 1918. Their brother-in-law Lieutenant Samuel B. Combe (North Irish Horse) was also killed in action on 1st October 1914.

LOWE, FREDERICK STANLEY (1887-1914)

Lance Sergeant Frederick Stanley Lowe was born on 20 July 1887, a native of Canterbury and a noted cricketer. He was a promising young fast bowler, and had played for Kent second XI.³¹ He married Ellen Collins, Patrick Street, Clonakilty, Co. Cork, in 1912. He was with the East Kent Regiment, Service No. 8470.³² He was killed in action at Radinghem, France on 18 October 1914, aged 27 years. Besides his wife Ellen, he also left behind two sons, W. Tucker Lowe and D. Stanley Lowe. Lance Sergeant Lowe is remembered with honour at Ploegsteert Memorial, Hainaut, Belgium.

BRENNAN, JOHN HENRY (c.1869-1914)

Captain John Henry Brennan was the son of Mr. and Mrs. T.C. Brennan, Montreal, Canada. He attended Dublin University where he played on the cricket eleven.³³ He was employed at the Land Commission Offices, in Dublin. He played with Merrion CC for a single season in 1906.³⁴ He was with the 3rd Battalion, attached to 1st Battalion, Royal Welsh Fusiliers during the Great War. The War itself was not even two months underway when he was killed in Flanders, on 19 October 1914, aged 45 years, leaving behind a wife, Mrs. K.C. Brennan. He is remembered with honour at Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

AUCHINLECK, DANIEL GEORGE HAROLD (1877-1914)

Captain Daniel George Harold Auchinleck was born on 18 September 1877, a son of Major and Mrs. Thomas Auchinleck, Crevenagh, Omagh, Co. Tyrone. He was on the Winchester College cricket XI in 1894 and 1895.³⁵ Daniel was the husband of Madoline Auchinleck. He had previously served in the South African campaign. He was attached to the 2nd Bn. Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers during the Great War. He was killed in action on 21 October 1914, aged 37 years. He is remembered with honour at Strand Military cemetery.

ROE, S.G. (c.1875-1914)

Captain S.G. Roe was a son of Col. W. Roe and Mrs. Roe, Ballyconnell, Co. Cavan. He was married to Irene E. Roe (later Lady Gravers) Clarke, 22 Sloane Gardens, London. He played for the Dublin University cricket second XI and the Long Vacation XI in 1882.³⁶ He was with the 2nd Battalion, Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers during the war. He died in the early months of the war

³¹ Renshaw. *Wisden on the Great War*, p. 87.

³² *Skibbereen Eagle*, 21 November 1914, p. 4.

³³ Information based on a database of Dublin University cricket players compiled by David Penney.

³⁴ Little, Alan and Danny Parkinson. *Merrion: a History of the Cricket Club 1892-2010*. (Dublin, 2011), p. 31.

³⁵ Renshaw. *Wisden on the Great War*, p. 76.

³⁶ Information based on a database of Dublin University cricket players compiled by David Penney.

on 21 October 1914, aged 39 years. He is remembered with honour at Strand Military Cemetery, Hainaut, Belgium.

JAMIESON, ROBERT (c.1888-1914)

Lance Corporal Robert Jamieson was a son of Mr and Mrs George Jamieson. Robert was married to Margaret Jamieson, 25, Heather Street, Crumlin Road, Belfast. Prior to the war he had been a member of the Woodvale Park Presbyterian Church young men's bible class and cricket club.³⁷ After hostilities commenced in Europe, Lance Corporal Jamieson was soon engaged at the Front. Serving with the 2nd Battalion, Royal Irish Rifles, service number 7554, he was killed on 25 October 1914, aged 26 years. He is remembered with honour at Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France.

O'CONNOR, RICHARD DOMINIC (1885-1914)

Captain Richard Dominic O'Connor was born on 1 August 1885, a son of Mr. and Mrs. F.W. O'Connor, Limerick. He was educated at Clongowes Wood College, Co. Kildare. He was married to Philippa Durane (*née* Sandilands) O'Connor. He did his medical training at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London. He entered the Royal Army Medical Corps in 1906 and was promoted to Captain in 1910. He served in India from 1909-14. 'He was fond of shooting, cricket and swimming'.³⁸ He was killed in action on 25 October 1914, aged 29 years, while serving with the 2nd Battalion Sherwood Foresters. He left behind his wife, Philippa, and two children, Doreen Rosemary and Cyril Rene Richard. He is remembered with honour at Erquinghem-Lys Churchyard Extension, Nord, France.

REYNOLDS, THOMAS JAMES (c.1871-1914)

Captain Thomas James Reynolds was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas James Reynolds, Sri Lanka (Ceylon). He qualified as an engineer at the College of Science, Dublin. He was a keen cricketer and a member of Leinster CC. He also played cricket in the Northern Territories of India.³⁹ He commenced his career with the 4th Battalion, Royal Dublin Fusiliers. When appointed Lieutenant to the R.D. Fusiliers he went to India. While there he was transferred to the Royal Irish Rifles. In early 1914 he was appointed adjutant to the 3rd Battalion R.I. Rifles, Belfast. He later moved to Dublin when the regiment took up quarters at the outbreak of the war. He was attached to 2nd Battalion, Royal Irish Rifles when he died on 25 October 1914, aged 43 years. He is remembered with honour at Guards Cemetery, Windy Corner, Cuinchy, Pas de Calais, France.

DAVIS, HENRY OUSELEY (1884-1914)

Captain Henry Ouseley Davis was the eldest son of Henry and Mary Davis, Church Road, Holywood, Co. Down. He was born on 15 September 1884. He was educated at Portora Royal

³⁷ *Belfast Weekly News*, 10 December 1914, p. 5.

³⁸ Clutterbuck and Dooner, *Bond of Sacrifice*, p. 289.

³⁹ *Connaught Telegraph*, 7 November 1914, p. 4.

School, and Campbell College, Belfast. From Campbell College he passed direct to R.M.C. Sandhurst. His recreations were cricket and golf.⁴⁰ He was gazetted Second Lieutenant Royal Dublin Fusiliers, 15 August 1905. He resigned his commission in 1910. On 31 August 1914, he was gazetted Captain, Royal Irish Rifles. He served with the 5th Battalion, attached to 2nd Battalion, Royal Irish Rifles during the War. He died on 27 October 1914, aged 30 years. He is remembered with honour on the Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. He is also remembered on a plaque in Holywood Parish Church, St Philip and St James.

HUMPHREYS, GEORGE GEOFFREY PRENDERGAST (1873-1914)

Major George Geoffrey Prendergast Humphreys was born at Milltown House, Strabane, Co Tyrone on 17 February 1873, the youngest son of Mr. T.W.D. and Isabella Humphreys, Donoughmore House, Castlefinn, Co. Donegal. Major Humphreys was a nephew of William Alexander, Primate of Ireland. His grandfather, Major J. Humphreys served under Nelson at the Battle of Copenhagen.⁴¹ He was educated at Allhallows School, Honiton, Devon, where he was captain of the rugby XV. He was also on the cricket XI. He then went to Sandhurst from which he was gazetted to the Welsh Regiment in July 1892. In 1895 he was transferred to the 127th Queen Mary's Own Baluch Light Infantry, Indian Army, with the rank of Lieutenant.⁴² He was married to Olive Muriel Humphreys, The Wilderness, Sherborne, Dorset. He was killed in action at Hollebeke, Belgium on 30 October 1914, aged 41 years. He is remembered with honour at Kemmel Chateau Military Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

MULHOLLAND, HON. ANDREW EDWARD SOMERSET (1882-1914)

Captain the Hon. Andrew Edward Somerset Mulholland was the eldest son of Lord Dunleath, Ballywalter Park, Co. Down. He was born on 20 September 1882. He was on the Eton XI in 1901. He later played in the Freshman's Match at Oxford, in 1902, but 'did not obtain his blue'.⁴³ He was a member of the MCC from 1908, and played at Lord's in 1909 for the Army v Royal Navy. In 1906, he received his commission and he was one of the finest cricketers in the army, and he also assisted the North of Ireland CC, Belfast. In 1908, he appeared on the Lord Dunleath XI in a match against the touring English XI, the Free Foresters, at Ballywalter Park, Newtownards, County Down.⁴⁴ He married Lady Joan Byng, the youngest daughter of the Earl and Countess of Strafford, of Wrothnam Park, Barnet, in the Irish Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, London, on 13 June 1913.⁴⁵ He was with the Irish Guards when he was killed in action on 1 November 1914, aged 32 years. He is remembered with honour at Ypres Town Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

⁴⁰ Taylor, James W. *The 2nd Royal Irish Rifles: Officers who served with the Battalion during the War* (Dublin, 2005), p. 221.

⁴¹ Clutterbuck and Dooner. *Bond of Sacrifice*, p. 199.

⁴² Clutterbuck and Dooner. *Bond of Sacrifice*, p. 200.

⁴³ Renshaw. *Wisden on the Great War*, p. 89.

⁴⁴ *The Irish Times*, 4 August 1908, p. 7.

⁴⁵ *The Irish Times*, 9 November 1914, p. 10.

BATTERSBY, CHARLES FREMOULT PRESTON (1887-1914)

Captain Charles Fremoult Preston Battersby was a son of Major General T. and Mrs. Agnes Janet Battersby, Cromlyn, Rathowen, Co. Westmeath. He was born at the Castle Barracks, Enniskillen, on 11 July 1887. He 'was educated at a preparatory school at Colchester. He gained the Probationers and Junior Scholarships in Classics at the King's School, Canterbury, and passed direct from the Army Class to the R.M.A. Woolwich. He received his commission in the Royal Artillery in June, 1907, becoming Lieutenant in June, 1910, and obtaining his Company in October, 1911. He was very keen on all games and sports and though not distinguished in any, could play a good game of cricket, football, golf, and tennis'.⁴⁶ During the hostilities in Europe he served with the 113th Battery, 25th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery. He died on 4 November 1914, aged 27 years. He is remembered with honour at Ypres Town Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

CORMAC WALSHE, EDWARD JOSEPH (1892-1914)

Lieutenant Edward Joseph Cormac Walshe was the younger son of Edward Cormac Walshe J.P. D.L., and Mary Cormac Walshe, Castle Hill, Crossmolina, Co. Mayo. He was born in 1892 and he was educated at Stonyhurst. He was well remembered at the school as 'one of the Heads of the Line and a prominent member of the football and cricket elevens'.⁴⁷ He returned to Ireland to attend Trinity College Dublin. He was badly wounded at Premesques, about three miles from Lille, while serving with the 2nd Battalion, Leinster Regiment.⁴⁸ He died from his wounds at No. 13 General Hospital, Boulogne, on 5 November 1914, aged 22 years.⁴⁹ He is remembered with honour at Boulogne Eastern Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France.

GEORGE, FREDERICK RALPH (1883-1914)

Lieutenant Frederick Ralph George was born on 9 September 1883 and was a native of Co. Galway. His school life saw him attend Tipperary Grammar School where he was a very able cricketer, appearing on the school team from June 1899 to September 1900.⁵⁰ He was a contemporary of Robert H. Cullinan. On leaving the Abbey, Frederick entered Trinity College Dublin. Frederick played on the Dublin University third XI in 1902.⁵¹

Frederick received his first appointment as Second Lieutenant in the Connaught Rangers, in January 1906. He became Lieutenant in 1909.⁵² When the war commenced he saw active duty with the 1st Battalion Connaught Rangers. He died on 5 November 1914, aged 31 years. He is commemorated on the Abbey Old Boys War Memorial, at St. Mary's Church, Tipperary Town.

⁴⁶ Clutterbuck and Dooner. *Bond of Sacrifice*, p. 23.

⁴⁷ Irwin, Francis. *Stonyhurst War Record. A Memorial of the Part taken by Stonyhurst Men in the Great War* (Stonyhurst, 1927), p. 70.

⁴⁸ Clutterbuck and Dooner. *Bond of Sacrifice*, p. 426.

⁴⁹ Irwin. *Stonyhurst War Record*, p. 70.

⁵⁰ *Clonmel Chronicle*, 24 June 1899, p. 3; 12 September 1900, p. 3.

⁵¹ Information based on a database of Dublin University cricket players compiled by David Penney.

⁵² *Tuam Herald*, 21 November 1914, p. 2.

He is also commemorated on the Dublin University War Memorial. Finally, he is remembered with honour at Rue-Du-Bacquerot No.1 Military Cemetery, Laventie, Pas de Calais, France.

HALL, GERALD PERCY (1894-1914)

Second Lieutenant Gerald Percy Hall was born on 11 February 1894, a son of Robert and Isabel Hall (*née* Forrest), of Glenmervyn, Glanmire, Co. Cork. He was a prominent member of Cork County CC.⁵³ He served with the 4th Battalion, attached to 2nd Battalion, Highland Light Infantry. He died on 13 November 1914, aged 20 years. He is remembered with honour at Poelcapelle British Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

SMYTH, ALGERNON BERESFORD (1884-1914)

Captain Algernon Beresford Smyth was born on 11 January 1884, a son of Devaynes Smyth, D.L., J.P. and Georgina Smyth (*née* Putland) Bray Head, Bray, Co. Wicklow. He played cricket for the Aldershot Command and he was also a member of the Yorkshire Gentlemen's CC and the Free Foresters.⁵⁴ He saw active service in the war with the 2nd Battalion, King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. He was one of fifty men selected to take a farmhouse five miles east of Ypres. The platoon was practically annihilated as only around six men returned back safely. Captain Smyth was one of those who fell.⁵⁵ A keen rider to hounds, he was also a good golfer, cricketer and tennis player. Mentioned in Despatches he was killed on 15 November 1914, aged 30 years. Captain Algernon B. Smyth is remembered with honour at Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

MACKAY, JAMES BANNERMAN (1892-1914)

Private James Bannerman Mackay was born on 22 September 1892, a son of James and Hannah Mackay (*née* Hincks), of 26 Kenilworth Square, Rathmines, Dublin. His father was a civil servant. James was a promising soccer player in the junior leagues of Dublin and he was also 'quite a useful member of Leinster Cricket Club'.⁵⁶ His service number in the war was 9462. He served with the 3rd (King's Own) Hussars. He died at the Australian Voluntary Hospital, Boulogne, on 23 November 1914 aged 22 years. He had only been at the front since August 1914. Private Mackay is remembered with honour at Wimereux Communal Cemetery, Boulogne, Pas de Calais, France.

HYLANDS, THOMAS JOHN (c.1895-1914)

Private Thomas John Hylands was a son of Mr and Mrs Alexander Hylands, Moygannon, Donaghcloney, Co. Down. He belonged to the Royal Irish Rifles and went out to Europe with a draft from the 4th battalion in which he was serving. He was a member of L.O.L. 235, Blackscull,

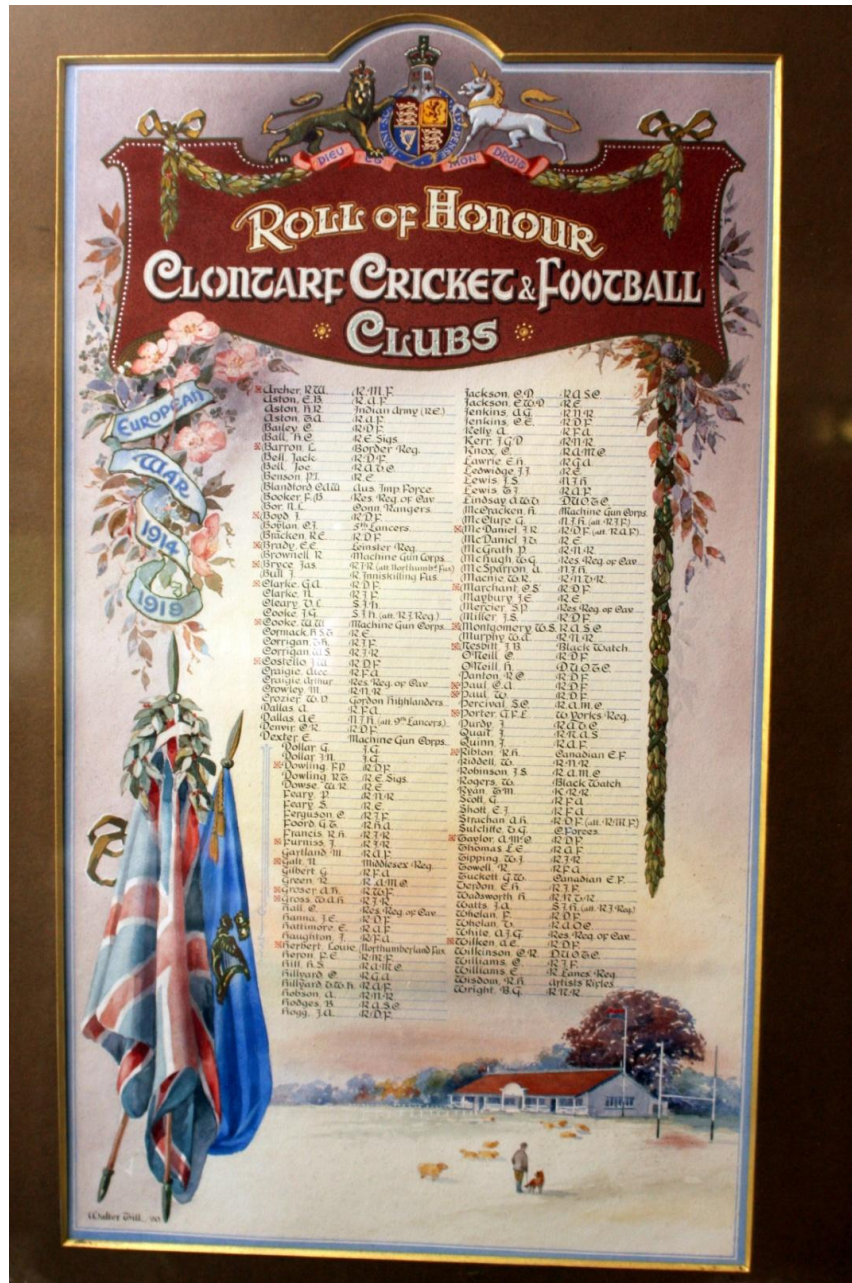
⁵³ Murphy, Colm. *Long Shadows by de Banks. A history of the Blue, Yellow and Green* (Cork, 2000), p. 78.

⁵⁴ Renshaw. *Wisden on the Great War*, p. 93.

⁵⁵ *Irish Independent*, 15 November 1915, p. 5.

⁵⁶ *Irish Independent*, 19 December 1914, p. 7.

Co. Down. He was a popular figure in the local football and cricket club.⁵⁷ According to the CWGC website he was with the 1st Battalion, Royal Irish Rifles when he was killed on 22 December 1914, aged nineteen years. Private Hylands is remembered with honour at Ploegsteert Memorial, Hainaut, Belgium.



Roll of Honour Clontarf Cricket & Football Clubs. Pic: courtesy Deryck Vincent

⁵⁷ *Belfast Newsletter*, 3 February 1915, p. 10.

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VANCE, CHARLES RICHARD GRIFFIN (1893-1915)

Second Lieutenant Charles Richard Griffin Vance was born on 2 December 1893, the youngest son of Venerable Joseph Vance, M.A. (Archdeacon of Limerick) and Annie Mary Vance (*née* Griffin). He was one of four members of the Kilkee Visitors CC, County Clare, who died in the war.¹ He served with the 1st Battalion, Cheshire Regiment. He died on 9 March 1915, aged 21 years. He is remembered with honour at Ramparts Cemetery, Lille Gate, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

BURGES, WILLIAM ARMSTRONG (1889-1915)

Lieutenant William Armstrong Burgess was born 3 June 1889, the second son of Francis L. Burgess, Irwin House, West Australia and of Mrs. Scroope, stepson of Mr. Frederic Scroope, grandson of Francis Carlton Burges M.D., Fethard, Co. Tipperary. He commenced his school career at Clonmel Grammar School, where he and his brothers attended for over four years. William played cricket for the school, alongside his brother, Irwin, in 1903.²

He subsequently attended Campbell College, Belfast, for a short time, and the remainder of his school days was spent at the Royal School, Armagh.³ He attended the Royal School from September 1904 to July 1908.⁴ A keen sportsman, William won many silver cups while at Armagh, including the Championship Cup two years in succession. He played both cricket and football, playing for the Ulster Schools cricket team. He played in the second school's interprovincial match in 1907.⁵ After leaving school he entered Sandhurst, where he played on the rugby first XV.⁶

He passed into Sandhurst in 1908, and was gazetted to the 2nd Battery Royal Irish Rifles in 1910. After a short time he was transferred to the 1st Battery stationed at Maymyo, Burma. He came home with the regiment from Aden in October, and was promoted First Lieutenant. After a fortnight in England the battalion was ordered to the front, and on 10 March 1915, Lieut. William Burges fell at Neuve Chapelle, aged 26 years. Lieut. Burges was killed in action by machine gun fire, one of four officers who led the assault.⁷

A letter was received from a brother officer saying he died whilst 'gallantly leading a charge of his platoon'.⁸ The writer concluded by saying he would always be affectionately remembered by his brother officers. His elder brother Irwin was with the West Australian Light Horse, and his younger brother Francis was at the front with the Irish Guards. Lieut. William A.

¹ Letter from Richard S. Ross-Lewin to *The Irish Times*, 16 October 1916, p. 6.

² *Clonmel Chronicle*, 30 May 1903, p. 5.

³ *Clonmel Chronicle*, 24 March 1915, p. 3.

⁴ Taylor, James W. *The 1st Royal Irish Rifles: Officers who served with the Battalion during the War* (Dublin, 2002), p. 218.

⁵ My thanks to Dr Murray Power for this information.

⁶ *Clonmel Chronicle*, 24 March 1915, p. 3.

⁷ Taylor. *The 1st Royal Irish Rifles*, p. 218.

⁸ *Clonmel Chronicle*, 24 March 1915, p. 3.

Burgess is remembered with honour at the Royal Irish Rifles Graveyard, Laventie, Pas de Calais, France.

MCCURRY, WALTER TENNYSON (1892-1915)

Lieutenant Walter Tennyson McCurry was born on 19 October 1892, the elder son of Joseph and Jessie Graham McCurry of Belfast Bank House, Shankill Road, Belfast. He was educated at Royal Belfast Academical Institution where he played on the cricket 1st XI in 1909.⁹ After leaving Inst he studied at Queen's University, Belfast, where he was a member of the Officer Training Corps, and secretary of the Belfast Medical Student Association. He got his primary fellowship at the Royal College of Surgeons in 1912 and was sent to France during the early stages of the war. He took part in the retreat from Mons in 1914, and at the beginning of 1915, refused a post in a base hospital, considering it to be the duty of the younger men to go to the trenches.¹⁰ Mentioned in Despatches, he served with the Royal Army Medical Corps and was attached to the 1st Norfolk Regiment. Lieut. Walter Tennyson McCurry was killed in action, aged 22, near Ypres, on 14 March 1915. On that day, the battalion were in trenches south-east of Ypres, when they were heavily shelled. Walter was killed while attending to the wounded in a dressing station. He is remembered with Honour at Ramparts Cemetery, Lille Gate, Ypres, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. He is also commemorated on the war memorial in the Common Hall at the R.B.A.I.

HIGGINSON, WILLIAM FREDERIC (?-1915)

Captain William Frederic Higginson served with the 1st Battalion, Royal Dublin Fusiliers. He was gazetted to the regiment on 4 December 1901. 'Captain Higginson was for some years stationed in Naas. He won the Co. Kildare Lawn Tennis Championship in 1911, and was a fine exponent of cricket and hockey'.¹¹ He died in action at the Dardanelles on 25 April 1915. He is remembered with honour at V Beach Cemetery, Turkey.

NIBLOCK, ROBERT DOUGLAS (c.1883-1915)

Private Robert Douglas Niblock was born in Belfast, a son of James and Agnes Niblock. He was a member of North Down CC.¹² He emigrated to Victoria, Australia in 1904. He came to Colac where he married to Louisa E. D. Marriner, a daughter of Mr. W. Marriner in 1909.¹³ They lived at 275 Hyde Street, Yarraville, Victoria, Australia and they had one child. He served with the 8th Battalion, Australian Infantry. He died from wounds received in action on 25 April 1915, aged 32 years. He is remembered with honour at Alexandria (Chatby) Military and War Memorial Cemetery, Egypt.

⁹ My thanks to Dr Murray Power for this information.

¹⁰ Inst in the Great War. Online: <http://www.instgreatwar.com/page20.htm> (accessed 5 November 2018)

¹¹ *Kildare Observer*, 8 May 1915, p. 5.

¹² Hiles, *Senior Cricket in Ulster*, p. 96.

¹³ *The Argus*, 22 May 1915, p. 17.

LYNCH, FRANCIS WILLIAM (1895-1915)

Second Lieutenant Francis William Lynch was born on 6 October 1895, a son of Henry Charles Lynch, J. P., and Mary Lynch (*née* Vaughan), Seaview House, Donnybrook, Dublin. He was a member of Pembroke CC, Dublin.¹⁴ He served with the 4th Battalion, attached to 1st Battalion, Connaught Rangers. He died 26 April 1915, aged 19 years. He is remembered with honour at La Brique Military Cemetery No. 2, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

ETLINGER, HENRY (c.1880-1915)

Captain Henry Etlinger was one of four sons and two daughters born to Edmund and Charlotte Etlinger. Henry was the husband of Muriel Etlinger. Henry, who followed his brother 'Thomas to Marlborough, a school well known for its cricket which had already produced Irish wicket keeper batsman Frank Browning, and made his debut for the College 1st XI in 1895, being a regular from 1896 and captain in his final year 1898. His first appearance at Lord's came in 1896, in the annual match against Rugby School, also a nursery for several Irish cricketers, when he was dismissed for 2 and 14.'¹⁵ He played for the Dublin University cricket first XI in 1901. He also appeared for R.M. Gwynn's XI in 1906.¹⁶ Having previously served in the South African campaign he was with the 9th Bhopal Infantry during the Great War. He died on 27 April 1915, aged 35 years. He is remembered with honour at Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

FAUSSETT, CHARLES REGINALD (c.1879-1915)

Second Lieutenant Charles Reginald Faussett was the second son of Ellen F. O. Fausset (*née* Lane) and Rev. Charles Fausset, Trinity College, Dublin. He was a well know cricketer and athlete. He was in the XI at Rathmines School and was 'a good, though patient, batsman'.¹⁷ He was Captain of Dublin University cricket XI in 1905, and he was also a valued member of the Leinster CC.¹⁸ He was on the first XI at Trinity from 1900 to 1905.¹⁹ In athletics he won the mile (1898) and quarter-mile (1902) championships of Ireland. On leaving university he took up a teaching position in Bolton Grammar School. He obtained his commission in the 3rd Battalion of the Royal Irish Regiment in October 1914.²⁰ He had only departed Dublin for the war front with his regiment about three weeks prior to his death, on 2 May 1915, aged 36 years. He is remembered with honour at Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

¹⁴ Renshaw. *Wisden on the Great War*, p. 148.

¹⁵ Liddle, Edward. 'Henry Etlinger' Online. CricketEurope Ireland website.

<https://www.cricketeurope.com/DATABASE/ARTICLESHISTORY/articles/000003/000346.shtml> (Accessed 31 July 1918)

¹⁶ Information based on a database of Dublin University cricket players compiled by David Penney.

¹⁷ Renshaw. *Wisden on the Great War*, p. 124.

¹⁸ *The Irish Times*, 13 August 1900, p. 3; 1 August 1911, p. 8.

¹⁹ *The Irish Times*, 18 May 1900, p. 3; 27 May 1901, p. 3. Information based on a database of Dublin University cricket players compiled by David Penney.

²⁰ *The Irish Times*, 14 May 1915, p. 7.

MOORE, DAVID SYDNEY (?-1915)

Private David Sydney Moore was educated at Royal Belfast Academical Institution. While attending there he played cricket for the 1st XI in 1907, 1908 and 1909.²¹ When the war broke out in Europe Private Moore served with the 9th Battalion, Royal Scots. His service number was 1896. He was killed on 9 May 1915. He is remembered with honour at Sanctuary Wood Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. He is also commemorated on the war memorial in the Common Hall at the R.B.A.I.

LA NAUZE, GEORGE MANSFIELD (c.1892-1915)

Lieutenant George Mansfield La Nauze was born in Co. Fermanagh, the fourth child of Mr. and Mrs. Edith La Nauze. The family home was at Vesey Place, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. He was yet another pupil of Tipperary Grammar School who served in the war. He was a contemporary of W.S. Kidd and he also played on the cricket first XI with Kidd in 1910. He served with the 4th Battalion, attached to 1st Battalion, Royal Irish Rifles. He died on 9 May 1915, aged 23 years. He is remembered with honour at Ploegsteert Memorial, Hainaut, Belgium.

NEILL, ROBERT LARMOUR (1893-1915)

Lieutenant Robert Larmour Neill was born on 16 July 1893, the youngest son of Sharman Dermot and Annie Symonds (*née* Tomlin) Neill, 62 Wellington Park, Belfast. His father was a well-known jeweller and silversmith at 22 Donegall Place, Belfast.²² Robert was educated at Campbell College, Belfast, where he joined the Officer Training Corps. He completed his studies at Neuchatel, Switzerland. He applied for a commission in 1914 'expressing a preference for 5th Royal Irish Regiment'.²³ He left for France on 22 March 1915 to join the 1st Battalion Royal Irish Regiment.²⁴ He was a 'promising golfer and cricketer, an enthusiastic yachtsman and a popular member of the Royal North of Ireland Yacht Club'.²⁵ Gazetted as a Second Lieutenant he was promoted to Lieutenant in January 1915. He served in France with the 1st Batt., Royal Irish Regiment (Royal South Downs) and was killed in action on 9 May 1915, aged 21 years. He is remembered with honour at Ploegsteert Memorial, Hainaut, Belgium.

MACMAHON, JOHN AQUILA (1889-1915)

Lieutenant John Aquila MacMahon was born on 29 September 1889, the only son of Aquila and Mary Maude MacMahon (*née* Tweedy), 28 Herbert Place, Dublin. He was educated at Aravon School, Shrewsbury School and Trinity College, Dublin.²⁶ He played cricket for the Long Vacation XI in 1911 and Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital XI in 1912 while attending Dublin

²¹ My thanks to Dr Murray Power for this information.

²² *The Irish Times*, 18 May 1915, p. 6.

²³ Taylor. *The 1st Royal Irish Rifles*, p. 304.

²⁴ *The Irish Times*, 18 May 1915, p. 6.

²⁵ Taylor. *The 1st Royal Irish Rifles*, p. 304.

²⁶ Casey, Cullen and Duignan. *Irish Doctors*, p. 382.

University.²⁷ He was with the Royal Army Medical Corps during the war. He served in France from 25 August 1914. He was injured at Ypres on 29 April 1915.²⁸ Having returned to London he died from his wounds on 12 May 1915, aged 25 years. He is remembered with honour at Twickenham Cemetery, Middlesex, England. He is also commemorated on Aravon School Roll of Honour.

HANNON, NORMAN LESLIE (c.1895-1915)

Second Lieutenant Norman Leslie Hannon was a son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. and M. M. Hannon, Ardreich House, Athy, Co. Kildare. He was born at Castledermot, Co. Kildare. Lieutenant Hannon 'was educated at Clarinda Park School Kingstown, and at the High School Dublin, where he was captain of the cricket XI for two years'.²⁹ He entered Trinity College Dublin in 1913. He was at the front with the 7th Battalion, King's Royal Liverpool Regiment. He died on 16 May 1915, aged 20 years. He is remembered with honour at Guards Cemetery, Windy Corner, Cuinchy, Pas de Calais, France.

KEMPSTON, ROBERT JAMES (?-1915)

Lieutenant Robert James Kempston had a home on 25 Rosevale Street, Belfast. He was promoted to a commission in November 1914 'from the ranks of the 1st Battalion, Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, in which he had served twenty-one years, during which he did duty in China, India, and Malta, in addition to home stations. He came to Belfast from Derry with the Inniskillings when they were last quartered in Victoria Barracks. When he was given a commission he was attached for a time to the 3rd Royal Dublin Fusiliers before being sent to the front to join the line battalion. He was well known in football, cricket, hockey, and harrier circles, and was one of the leading figures in the sports of the Inniskillings'.³⁰ He died on 24 May 1915, leaving a wife and two daughters. He is remembered with honour at Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

MACLEAR, BASIL (1881-1915)

Captain Basil Maclear was born in Portsmouth on 7 April 1881, was the youngest son of Henry and Mary Maclear.³¹ His father was an army major. Basil attended Bedford Grammar School and played on the cricket XI.³² He also captained the team. In 1900 he played county cricket for Bedfordshire and in the summer of that year 'he alternated between playing cricket for his college and for Bedfordshire'.³³ Later on he scored 153 in a match against the M.C.C. and he scored 143 for the Royal Dublin Fusiliers against Cork and 98 versus Cork County.³⁴ He also

²⁷ Information based on a database of Dublin University cricket players compiled by David Penney.

²⁸ Casey, Cullen and Duignan. *Irish Doctors*, p. 382.

²⁹ Our Heroes website. Online: <http://ourheroes.southdublinlibraries.ie/node/16892> (accessed 30 March 2015)

³⁰ *Belfast Newsletter*, 5 June 1915, p. 10.

³¹ Walker, Stephen. *Ireland's Call. Irish sporting heroes who fell in the Great War* (Sallins, 2015), p. 19.

³² Renshaw. *Wisden on the Great War*, p. 150.

³³ Walker. *Ireland's Call*, p. 20.

³⁴ *Irish Examiner*, 31 May 1915, p. 4.

featured in a match for Fermoy Garrison CC against Clonmel Asylum CC, at Fermoy, in 1908.³⁵ But it was on the rugby field where Captain Maclear excelled. He was a noted Ireland international rugby player. When Ireland defeated England, at the Mardyke Ground, Cork, Basil made his international debut, on 11 February 1905. It was the first of his eleven appearances for Ireland.³⁶ In total he had eleven caps for Ireland between 1905 and 1907.³⁷ He also played for Cork County and Monkstown. The *Belfast Newsletter* noted that he had ‘fifteen years service in the army, and was a fine all-round sportsman. His football was his leading athletic characteristic, his fine physique and pace making him a conspicuous figure. His strength and resolution were remarkable, yet no man played the game cleverer.’³⁸ He was the first nine Irish rugby internationals to die in the war.³⁹ During the war in Europe he was attached to the 2nd Battalion Royal Irish Fusiliers. He died on 24 May 1915. Two of his brothers also fell during the hostilities. Captain Basil Maclear is remembered with honour at Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

McLOUGHLIN, JAMES P. (1891-1915)

Lieutenant James P. McLoughlin was born on 12 October 1891 at Claremont, Drumcondra, Dublin. He was the elder son of Patrick J. and Delia McLoughlin. When James went to Belvedere, the family lived at 76 Drumcondra Road, but later moved to ‘Brackloon’, Rathgar, Co Dublin. At school, he was a brilliant scholar. In 1908, James McLoughlin was the Honorary Secretary of the very first Tennis Club at Belvedere. He also played on the senior team. That year, James also represented the school on the Senior Cricket XI. The *Belvederian* of 1908 reports on ‘the’ cricket event of the year: ‘Our match with Phoenix resulted in a victory for Belvedere! This was mainly due to Louis O’Mahony’s splendid play for 37. Jimmie McLoughlin kept up the wickets very well for him, and the pair made quite a sensational finish.’ When he left Belvedere he went to study medicine at the Royal University of Ireland, which he attended from 1910 until 1913. He then decided to make his career in the army. He joined the 4th Battalion of the Royal Dublin Fusiliers, attached to the Royal Irish Regiment. In 1914 his health was not good, so he took leave for a year and travelled to Chile, where, it was hoped, the climate would help him recover. He left it after a few months when he was recalled to rejoin his regiment in August 1914. In October 1914, he was stationed in France and attached to the 2nd Battalion of the Royal Irish Regiment. He was promoted to full Lieutenant in February 1915. James had suffered from gas poisoning, was then wounded in action at Mouse Trap Farm, in the region of Hill 60. He died from the effects of his wounds on 24 May 1915, aged 23 years. He is remembered with honour at Bailleul Communal Cemetery Extension, Nord, France.

³⁵ *Nationalist*, 20 June 1908, p. 5.

³⁶ Van Esbeck. *Irish Rugby*, pp 56, 338.

³⁷ Van Esbeck. *Irish Rugby*, p. 301.

³⁸ *Belfast Newsletter*, 31 May 1915, p. 7.

³⁹ Van Esbeck. *Irish Rugby*, p. 66.

BARBOR, ROBERT CHRISTOPHER (?-1915)

Lieutenant Robert Christopher Barbor was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Barbor, Dublin. He was the husband of Mary T. Barbor, 18 Delaware Mansions, Maida Vale, London. 'Like his father, Lieutenant Barbor was a very well known cricketer, and played for Devon County both cricket and hockey'.⁴⁰ In the War he fought with 54th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery. He was died on 25 May 1915. He is remembered with honour at North Sheen Cemetery, Surrey, England.

DELMEGE, JAMES O'GRADY (c.1891-1915)

Lieutenant James O'Grady Delmege was a son of Mr. and Mrs. James O'Grady Delmege, Castle Park, Limerick. He played cricket for Dublin University. He was on the third XI in 1911, the second XI in 1912 and the first XI in 1914.⁴¹ He served with 4th Battalion, Royal Irish Dragoons. He died on 27 May 1915, aged 24 years. He is remembered with honour at Bailleul Communal Cemetery Extension, Nord, France.

FOWLE, LOUIS RICHARD (1887-1915)

Lieutenant Louis Richard Fowle was born on 29 July 1887, a son of Colonel F.C. Fowle and D.M. Fowle, Summer Cove, Kinsale, County Cork. He was educated at Wellington and Sandhurst. He 'distinguished himself at rugby (of which he was captain at Wellington), cricket and racquets'.⁴² In 1904 he was in the Wellington XI.⁴³ He was gazetted to the Royal Irish Regiment in October 1906 and joined the 14th King George's Own Ferozepore Sikhs in 1909. In 1912 he won the golf amateur championship of Northern India at Gulmarg, Kashmir. He left India on services with his regiment in October 1914. He was killed in action at the Dardanelles on 4 June 1915, aged 29 years.⁴⁴ Lieutenant Fowle is remembered with honour at Helles Memorial, Gallipoli, Turkey.

HAMPTON, ROBERT (c.1893-1915)

Rifleman Robert Hampton was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hampton, Waringstown, Co. Down. He was born in Donaghcloney and was one of five brothers. Known as Bobby, he was a fine cricketer. It is likely that he was one of the first men from Waringstown to enlist, once the war commenced. His service number was 5257. He was sent with a draft of reinforcements to the regular 1st Battalion Royal Irish Rifles. Three of his brothers, James, John and Andrew also served with the Royal Irish Rifles. His youngest brother Thomas served with the 1st Canadians, being severely wounded in September 1916.⁴⁵ Rifleman Robert Hampton was killed in action on 11 June 1915, aged 22 years. He is remembered with honour at Aubers Ridge British Cemetery,

⁴⁰ *Freeman's Journal*, 23 February 1915, p. 4.

⁴¹ Information based on a database of Dublin University cricket players compiled by David Penney.

⁴² *The Irish Times*, 16 June 1915, p. 6.

⁴³ Renshaw. *Wisden on the Great War*, p. 126.

⁴⁴ His age is given as 29 on the CWGC record, but the year of his birth, as recorded in the *Irish Times*, was 1887.

⁴⁵ UlsterWarMemorials.net Online: http://www.ulsterwarmemorials.net/html/waringstown_county_down.html (accessed 10 March 2018) Information taken from Elliott and Stevenson. *The Story of a Banner*.

Aubers, Nord, France. He is also commemorated on the Waringstown War Memorial, Banbridge Road, Waringstown, County Down.

FLEMING, GEOFFREY MONTAGU MASON (1890-1915)

Lieutenant Geoffrey Montagu Mason Fleming was born on 8 February 1890, the only son of Alfred George and Marie M. R. Fleming, Beechfield, Blackrock, Co. Dublin. He was educated at Avoca School, Blackrock and Trinity College, Dublin.⁴⁶ He played for the Dublin University cricket first XI in a match against Cork County in 1911.⁴⁷ He was appointed a Lieutenant with the Royal Army Medical Corps on 16 August 1914. A resident surgeon at the Meath Hospital, Dublin and Co. Dublin Infirmary, he entered the war on 10 November 1914, when he was sent to Egypt. He subsequently moved to France. He was killed in action on 16 June 1915 near Givenchy, 'when a shell burst through the roof of the advanced dressing station'.⁴⁸ He was 25 years old. He is remembered with honour at Guards Cemetery, Windy Corner, Guinchy, Pas de Calais, France.

MORROGH, FRANCIS M.D. (?-1915)

Lieutenant Francis M.D. Morrogh was a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Morrogh, Mount Grange, Douglas, Co. Cork. He was a member of the South Union Hunt and the Cork County Cricket Club.⁴⁹ He was with the Royal Munster Fusiliers when he was killed in the Dardanelles, on 19 June 1915. He is remembered with honour at Twelve Tree Copse Cemetery, Turkey.

PERSEE, RODOLPH ALGERON (c.1892-1915)

Second Lieutenant Rodolph Algernon Persee was a son of Algernon Persse and the Hon. Eleanor Laura Jane Persse, Lough Cutra Castle, Co. Galway. He played cricket while attending Eton. He also rode for Oxford in the University point-to-point races.⁵⁰ Mentioned in Despatches he was attached to the 2nd Battalion, King's Royal Rifle Corps. He was killed in action on 1 January 1915, aged 22 years. He is remembered with honour at Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France

MACDERMOTT, HUGH MAURICE (c.1896-1915)

Lieutenant Hugh Maurice MacDermott was the eldest son of The MacDermott, Coolavin, Co. Sligo. He was educated at Oratory School, Edgbaston, Birmingham. In June 1913 he won the first cricket XI bowling cup. He made 105 in a match against Brownsgrrove School, Birmingham.⁵¹ He spent two years in the Officer Training Corps. He was with the 6th Battalion

⁴⁶ Casey, Cullen and Duignan. *Irish Doctors*, p. 295.

⁴⁷ Information based on a database of Dublin University cricket players compiled by David Penney.

⁴⁸ Casey, Cullen and Duignan. *Irish Doctors*, p. 295.

⁴⁹ *The Irish Times*, 3 July 1915, p. 6.

⁵⁰ *The Irish Times*, 13 March 1915, p. 8.

⁵¹ *Tuam Herald*, 7 November 1914, p. 2.

Royal Irish Fusiliers when he was killed on 9 August 1915, aged 18 years. Lieutenant Hugh M. MacDermott is remembered with honour on Helles Memorial, Gallipoli, Turkey.

CULLINAN, ROBERT HORNIDGE (1881-1915)

Captain Robert Hornidge Cullinan was born on 9 August 1881, a son of John and Martha Frances Cullinan (*née* Faris), 6, Bendon Street, Ennis, Co. Clare. He attended the Tipperary Grammar School, and played on the school cricket team from 1894 to October 1900.⁵² He entered Trinity College Dublin, in October 1899, but returned to play for the Grammar school eleven in October 1900. He graduated from Dublin University, in 1903, receiving his BA. He left with a gold medal for history and political science. He was a member of the Dublin University cricket club, in 1903, and played for the A side, Rapparees and Long Vacation. Dublin University had a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd XI at this time. He played rugby while at Trinity, obtaining his colours in 1900-01. He was also the record secretary of the University Historical Debating Society. He was called to the Irish Bar, in Trinity Term, 1904, and was a member of the Munster circuit.⁵³

When the war started he enlisted with the Royal Munster Fusiliers. He was killed in action at Suvla Bay, on 8 August 1915, aged 34 years. Captain Robert H. Cullinan is commemorated on the Abbey Old Boys plaque, in St. Mary's Church, Tipperary Town. He is also commemorated in his home town of Ennis, on a memorial tablet in the parish church. In Dublin, he is commemorated on a window memorial at St. Ann's Church, Dawson Street, Dublin 2, alongside Ernest Lawrence Julian, who also died in the Great War, both members of the Irish Bar. He is also remembered on the memorial in Four Courts, Dublin to the Irish barristers who died in the Great War and are named on the bronze panel, which was sculpted by Oliver Sheppard. Finally, he is remembered with honour on the Helles Memorial, Gallipoli Peninsula, Turkey.

LEE, JOSEPH BAGNALL (c.1888-1915)

Lieutenant Joseph Bagnall Lee was a son of Edward and Annie Lee, of Bellevue, Blackrock, Co. Dublin. He played for the Long Vacation XI in 1904 while attending Dublin University.⁵⁴ He fought with the 6th Battalion, Royal Munster Fusiliers. He died on 8 August 1915, aged 27 years. He is remembered with honour at Helles Memorial, Gallipoli Peninsula, Turkey.

BEASLEY, JAMES JOYCE (1894-1915)

Second Lieutenant James Joyce Beasley was born on 5 March 1894, the eldest son of Mr. William Gerald and Helen Emily Beasley, Main Street, Limavady, Co. Derry. He was educated at Foyle College, Derry, and Trinity College, Dublin. While at Foyle College he was on the

⁵² *Clonmel Chronicle*, 3 October 1894, p. 4; 27 June 1896, p. 4; 24 September 1898, p. 3; 12 September 1900, p. 3.

⁵³ Quinn. *Wigs and Guns*, p. 89.

⁵⁴ Information based on a database of Dublin University cricket players compiled by David Penney.

cricket first XI from 1909-1912.⁵⁵ He was also a fine athlete, a keen footballer and oarsman.⁵⁶ He was a member of the junior eights at Dublin University Rowing Club, competing at all the regattas for which he was eligible during his time with the club. He was a member of the Officer's Training Corps at Trinity, and when granted a commission to the 6th Royal Irish Fusiliers, he proceeded to England and then on to the Dardanelles. He was reported missing and believed to have been killed in action on 9 August 1915, aged 21 years.⁵⁷ He is remembered with honour at Helles Memorial, Gallipoli, Turkey. He is also commemorated on the Roll of Honour at Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital, Dublin.⁵⁸

PIKE, ROBERT MAXWELL (c.1886-1915)

Captain Robert Maxwell Pike was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lechy Pike, Kilwork, Tullow, Co. Carlow. As a young man he entered the navy but a knee injury curtailed his maritime career and he had to leave the service. At the outbreak of war he joined the Royal Flying Corps. He was a member of the Church of Ireland Cork Young Men's Association and was a keen supporter of the Association's cricket club.⁵⁹ Mentioned in Despatches, he was killed in action, with the 5th Squadron, on 9 August 1915, aged 29 years. He is remembered with honour at Arras Flying Services Memorial, Pas de Calais, France.

SNELL, PHILIP SIDNEY (1893-1915)

Second Lieutenant Philip Sidney Snell was born 15 or 16 November 1893, the only son of Philip W. Snell (who ran the Limerick Clothing Company) and Frances Sarah Snell, 32 Upper Mount Street, Dublin. He attended Campbell College, Belfast, from April 1904 to July 1912. Standing over six feet tall, he was a member of the original Officer Training Corps (Sept 1909). He was also on the cricket first XI from 1910 to 1912. He was Captain of the XI in his final year. Typically he batted at no.1. Despite being captain, it was not his greatest batting season: 13 innings for 139 runs (average: 10.1).⁶⁰

After leaving Campbell College he studied at Trinity College, Dublin, where he attended Trinity College Medical School. He applied for a temporary Commission in Regular Army, 19 September 1914, after the commencement of hostilities in Europe. He was attached to 6 Bn. Royal Irish Fusiliers. He was killed in action on 9 August 1915 at Suvla Bay (during the attack on Chocolate Hill (Hill 70) from Hill 53. Second Lieutenant Philip S. Snell is remembered with

⁵⁵ Platt, W.H.W. *History of Cricket at Foyle College (including Londonderry Academical Institution and Foyle and Londonderry College) 1863-2014*. (Coleraine, 2014), pp 112-19.

⁵⁶ Renshaw. *Wisden on the Great War*, p. 104.

⁵⁷ The CWGC records state that he was 21 when he died, though one of the national papers in Ireland stated that he was 23. *The Irish Times*, 28 August 1915, p. 7.

⁵⁸ Casey, Cullen and Duignan. *Irish Doctors*, p. 222.

⁵⁹ *Irish Examiner*, 26 August 1915, p. 6.

⁶⁰ My thanks to Keith Haines, archivist Campbell College for this information (2015). See also Haines, Keith. *Brigadier Nelson Russell of Lisburn* (Donaghadee, 2013), pp 92-3 which gives a flavour of cricket playing at Campbell College based on a diary kept by a youthful Nelson Russell.

honour at Helles Memorial, Gallipoli, Turkey. He is also commemorated on St. Stephen's Church War Memorial, Upper Mount Street, Dublin.⁶¹

CUNINGHAM, CHARLES ARTHUR (c.1890-1915)

Captain Charles Arthur Cuningham was with the 6th Battalion, Border Regiment. He played cricket while at Sandhurst in 1909. He also played quite a lot of Army cricket in Aldershot, Ireland and Burma. ⁶²He was killed in the Dardanelles on 10 August 1915, aged 25 years. He is remembered with honour at Helles Memorial, Gallipoli, Turkey.

HEUSTON, FREDERICK GIBSON (1894-1915)

Second Lieutenant Frederick Gibson Heuston was a son of Dr. Francis Thomas and Frances Letitia Heuston. His father was Professor of Anatomy at the Royal College of Surgeons. Fred was a half twin, his brother Francis Robert – known as Frank – also served and died in the war. He played cricket with Greystones CC.⁶³ During the war he served with the 6th Battalion, Royal Irish Fusiliers at Gallipoli. He was killed in action on 15 August 1915, aged 21 years. He is remembered with honour on the Helles Memorial, on the Gallipoli Peninsula, Turkey. His is also remembered with honour on the Great War memorial at St. Patrick's Church, Greystones, County Wicklow. Frank, who enlisted in Canada with the 14th (Montreal) Battalion, was killed in action at Arras, France in April 1916.

HICKMAN, POOLE HENRY (1880-1915)

Poole Henry Hickman, was another Co. Clare pupil of Tipperary Grammar School. He was born on 8 June 1880 a son of Francis William and Elizabeth B. Gore Hickman, 23 Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin, though originally they lived in Co. Clare. He was born on 8 June 1880. He attended Tipperary Grammar School and he appeared on the Abbey cricket eleven from 1894–98, playing alongside R.H. Cullinan and R.C. Wallace, both of whom also died in the Great War.⁶⁴ On leaving Tipperary grammar school he entered Trinity College Dublin, in October 1898, receiving his BA in 1902. In 1899, played cricket for the Dublin University 2nds and 3rds; in 1900 he played 1sts, 2nds and 3rds; in 1901 he played 2nd, 3rd, 4th and also on the Long Vacation XI. In 1902 he played on the 3rds. He also played for the Aravon Past & Present XI, in 1906.

After leaving Trinity, he joined Wanderers FC and became captain of the first fifteen in 1908. He was admitted as a student at King's Inns, Dublin, and was called to the Bar, in Easter Term, 1909.⁶⁵ He was hon. secretary and treasurer of the Munster Bar. When war broke out he enlisted with the 7th Royal Dublin Fusiliers. Two of his brothers, Thomas and Norman, also served with the British forces during the war. He was killed in action, fighting in the Dardanelles, exactly one week after the death of Capt. R.H. Cullinan. He had sent home accounts

⁶¹ Casey, Cullen and Duignan. *Irish Doctors*, p. 466.

⁶² Renshaw. *Wisden on the Great War*, p. 118.

⁶³ *The Irish Times*, 1 August 1911, p. 8.

⁶⁴ *Clonmel Chronicle*, 7 July 1894, p. 2; 18 September 1895, p. 3; 10 June 1896, p. 4; 24 September 1898, p. 3.

⁶⁵ Quinn. *Wigs and Guns*, p. 92.

of the War and the conditions that the men faced each day.⁶⁶ He died on 15 August 1915, aged 35 years.

He is commemorated on the Great War memorial to the Abbey Old Boys, in St. Mary's Church, Tipperary Town. He is also commemorated on the Great War memorial to the Old Boys of Aravon School, Church Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow; on the memorial in Four Courts, Dublin to the Irish barristers who died in the Great War and who are named on the bronze panel which was sculpted by Oliver Sheppard. Lastly, he is remembered with honour on the Helles Memorial, on the Gallipoli Peninsula, Turkey.

PRESTON, ARTHUR JOHN DILLON (c.1886-1915)

Captain Arthur John Dillon was a Son of Major Arthur and Gertrude Preston, of Swainston, Kilmessan, Co. Meath. He was educated at Malvern College, Worcestershire. He married Sylvia Wyke, 'Preston', Clowbryn, Greystones, Co. Wicklow, with whom he had one son. He was gazetted to the Duke of Wellington's Regiment in 1907 and served with the 1st Battalion in Egypt at Alexandria, Khartoum and Cairo. Later he returned to England and did duty with the 2nd Battalion. After the outbreak of war he was ordered to Naas, Co. Kildare to raise the 6th Battalion, Royal Dublin Fusiliers. Mentioned in Despatches, it was while acting major of this battalion at the Dardanelles that he lost his life on 15 August 1915, aged 29 years. As a sportsman he had been well known in counties Meath and Kildare, where he was frequently seen in the hunting field. He was also a fine tennis player and cricketer.⁶⁷ He is remembered with honour at Azmak Cemetery, Suvla, Turkey.

SCHUTE, JOHN HARTLEY (c.1893-1915)

Lieutenant John Hartley Schute was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Schute..H. Schute played for the Leinster Schools in 1909. He was shown as attending St Stephen's Green School, which had previously been known as Strangway's School after its long-serving Headmaster, Mr Strangway.⁶⁸ He played for the Dublin University first and second XIs in 1914.⁶⁹ He received his commission in the 6th Battalion, Royal Irish Fusiliers soon after the outbreak of war. He was initially reported missing and believed to have been killed in the Dardanelles, on 15 August 1915.⁷⁰ Prior to the war he was very popular in Dublin cricket and football circles.⁷¹ He is remembered with honour at the Helles Memorial, Gallipoli Peninsula, Turkey.

BOYD, JOHN (c.1883-1915)

Private John Boyd was the only son of John and Isabella Boyd, 10 Belmont Avenue, Donnybrook, Dublin. His father was employed as a civil servant. John was a playing member of

⁶⁶ *Longford Leader*, 4 September 1915, p. 3.

⁶⁷ *Kildare Observer*, 28 August 1915, p. 5.

⁶⁸ My thanks to Dr Murray Power for this information.

⁶⁹ Information based on a database of Dublin University cricket players compiled by David Penney.

⁷⁰ *The Irish Times*, 28 August 1915, p. 8.

⁷¹ *Irish Independent*, 25 August 1915, p. 3; Renshaw. *Wisden on the Great War*, p. 177.

Clontarf Cricket Club, where he featured for several seasons.⁷² When war broke out in Europe 129 members of the Clontarf Cricket and Football Club enlisted, 108 were from the football side of the club and 21 were cricketers. Of the cricketers, John Boyd enlisted in September 1914, service number 18661. Like many others in the Clontarf community he enlisted with the Royal Dublin Fusiliers, serving with “D” Company, 7th Battalion. He died on 16 August 1915, aged 32 years. Private John Boyd is remembered with honour at Helles Memorial, Gallipoli, Turkey.

CROOKSHANK, ARTHUR CHICHESTER (c.1894-1915)

Corporal Arthur Chichester Crookshank was a son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Crookshank, Woodbank, Whiteabbey, Co. Antrim. He played for the Dublin University cricket second XI in 1914.⁷³ His service number was 14156, and he was with “D” Company, 7th Battalion, Royal Dublin Fusiliers. He died on 16 August 1915, aged 21 years. He is remembered with honour at Helles Memorial, Gallipoli Peninsula, Turkey.

BURKE, FRANK C. (?-1915)

Captain Frank C. Burke was the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Dominick Francis Burke. He joined the Royal Irish Constabulary (R.I.C.) as a cadet in February 1898. He served in Counties Fermanagh, Meath, Tipperary, Kildare and Wexford.⁷⁴ He was a keen cricketer and played for the R.I.C.⁷⁵ He also played for Co. Kildare CC.⁷⁶ He enlisted for service when the war commenced in Europe. Serving with the 5th Battalion, Connaught Rangers, he was killed on 21 August 1915 while leading a charge at Kihak-Kuyu, on the slopes of the Dardanelles. His reported death was ‘much regretted in hunting and cricket circles in County Kildare; in fact all sport will mourn his loss.’⁷⁷ He was on the Phoenix team in their annual fixture against Clongowes Wood College, County Kildare, in 1902.⁷⁸ In the Phoenix batting averages for 1913 he had a very poor average of 1.86 from ten innings, with a highest score of eight runs.⁷⁹ He played for the Co. Kildare CC in their annual fixture, also against Clongowes Wood College, in 1912.⁸⁰ He was also a playing member of Bective Rangers RFC. However, there is also some evidence to suggest that Captain Frank Burke was not killed during the Great War. There is no memorial which bears his name on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission database that I can find. Also, a note in one of the contemporary papers suggests that he was wounded in Gallipoli and not killed, as had previously been believed.⁸¹

⁷² *The Irish Times*, 28 June 1909, p. 4; 29 May 1911, p. 4; 19 May 1913, p. 5; *Irish Independent*, 10 July 1911, p. 10.

⁷³ Information based on a database of Dublin University cricket players compiled by David Penney.

⁷⁴ *Freeman's Journal*, 13 September 1915, p. 8.

⁷⁵ *The Irish Times*, 27 May 1901, p. 3.

⁷⁶ *The Irish Times*, 4 August 1911, p. 8.

⁷⁷ *Kildare Observer*, 11 September 1915, p. 5.

⁷⁸ *The Irish Times*, 9 May 1902, p. 4.

⁷⁹ *The Irish Times*, 23 September 1913, p. 4.

⁸⁰ *Freemans Journal*, 28 May 1912, p. 4.

⁸¹ *Irish Independent*, 13 September 1915, p. 6.

WOOD, MAXMILIAN DAVID FRANCIS (c.1873-1915)

Lieutenant Colonel Maxmilian David Francis Wood was a son of Charles Arthur Watkins Harcourt Wood and Maria Louisa Wood, Carleton, Pontefract, Yorkshire. He was married to Eugenie Sybil Seymour (formerly Wood), of Kilbees Farm, Winkfield, Berkshire. He was on the ‘Sandhurst XI in 1892, and played later in much Regimental cricket’.⁸² He played one match for Hampshire against Yorkshire, at Bradford in 1907. When stationed in Belfast he was one of the ‘crack cricketers’ with the West Yorkshire Regiment.⁸³ In the war he was with the 9th Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales’ Own) when he died on 21 August 1915, aged 42 years. He is remembered with honour on the Helles Memorial, Turkey.

BLACKBURNE, JOHN GEORGE (1872-1915)

Major John George Blackburne was the eldest son of Charles E. Blackburne, Oldham, Lancashire and Mrs. Shadforth Boger, St. Leonards-on-Sea. Born in 1872, he was educated at Charterhouse School and the R.M.C. Sandhurst. He was on the Charterhouse XI in 1890, and was a member of the MCC from 1910.⁸⁴ He played in many Army matches in Ireland and he also appeared for the Free Foresters. He was gazetted to the 1st Battalion Sherwood Foresters, in 1891. He served in the 45th Company Imperial Yeomanry (Irish Hunting Contingent) in the South African War. He was gazetted Captain to the 9th Battalion Sherwood Foresters in 1914. He became Major and second in command in 1915. He married Lilian, youngest daughter Major William Blount, 7th Madras Light Infantry, of Orleton, in 1891. He was a well-known cricketer. He was in the Charterhouse XI while attending school. He was also an active cricketer while in the army. He played for the Army in Ireland and also for Devonshire County. He also featured on the Free Foresters; M.C.C.; Na Shuler and Phoneix cricket teams, of which clubs he was also a member.⁸⁵ Major Blackburne was a member of the Union Club, London and the Kildare Street Club, Dublin. He died on 22 August 1915, aged 42 years, in the Dardanelles. He is remembered with honour at Green Hill Cemetery, Turkey.

CUTHELL, ALGERNON H. (c.1879-1915)

Major Algerton H. Cuthell was a son of Lt. Col. T.G. Cuthell, (13th Hussars and 38th S. Staffordshire Regt.) and Edith E. Cuthell, of 4, Sloane Gate Mansions, London. Major Cuthell was with the Prince of Wales’s Own (West Yorkshire Regiment) when he was killed at the Dardanelles on 22 August 1915.⁸⁶ He entered the army in 1899 and served in South Africa and retired with the rank of Captain. He was 36 year old when he died.

He was married to Rhona Adair, Cookstown, Co. Tyrone, who was well-known as a lady golfer.⁸⁷ Major Cuthell also became well known in Belfast athletic circles as a golfer and

⁸² Renshaw. *Wisden on the Great War*, p. 190.

⁸³ *Larne Times*, 5 February 1916, p. 7.

⁸⁴ Renshaw. *Wisden on the Great War*, p. 106.

⁸⁵ *The Irish Times*, 11 September 1915, p. 6.

⁸⁶ *The Irish Times*, 4 September 1915, p. 6.

⁸⁷ *Irish Independent*, 1 September 1915, p. 2.

cricketer.⁸⁸ When war broke out he rejoined as Company Commander and was promoted to the rank of temporary Major and was mentioned in Despatches. He is remembered with honour on the Helles Memorial, Gallipoli, Turkey.

JEFFRESON, VICTOR (c.1893-1915)

Private Victor Jeffreson was a son of Edward H. and Annie Josephine Jeffreson, 44 Grosvenor Road, Rathgar, Dublin. 'He was educated at Wesley College and was a member of the Old Wesley Football Club and the Leinster Cricket Club. On the outbreak of the war he joined the "Pals" Battalion, and was with them at Suvla Bay'.⁸⁹ His service number was 14285. He fought with the 7th Battalion, Royal Dublin Fusiliers in the war. He died on 23 August 1915, aged 22 years. He is remembered with honour on the Helles Memorial, Gallipoli Peninsula, Turkey.

ANDERSON, LEIGH MAXWELL (c.1879-1915)

Lieutenant Leigh Maxwell Anderson was a son of Joseph and Mary (*née* Simpson) Anderson, Armagh. Max was a stalwart of local cricket in Armagh and he was captain of the Armagh CC first eleven when he died.⁹⁰ Serving with the 9th Battalion, Royal Irish Fusiliers, he died on 1 September 1915, aged 36 years. He is remembered with honour at Armagh (St. Mark) Church of Ireland Churchyard, Co. Armagh.

SMYTH, IRVINE JOHNSTON (c.1892-1915)

Second Lieutenant Irvine Johnston Smyth was a son of William Henry and Mary J. R. Smyth, of The Manse, Green Rd., Knock, Belfast. His father was a Methodist Minister, who was based in Co. Cork. Originally from Co. Armagh, Irvine played cricket with Merrion CC while living and working in Dublin.⁹¹ He enlisted in 6th Battalion, Black Watch. During the war he served with the 6th Battalion, Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. He was killed in Gallipoli on 3 September 1915, aged 23 years. He is remembered with honour at Green Hill Cemetery, Turkey.

CORLEY, ANTHONY PURDON HEGARTY (1877-1915)

Captain Anthony Purdon Hegarty Corley was born on 16 March 1877, a son of Anthony Hegarty and Eleanor (*née* Purdon) Corley, 30 Lower Baggott Street, Dublin. Anthony attended Dublin University. He played quite a bit of cricket while attending the University. He was on the first XI in from 1896 to 1901. He also appeared for the Rapparees in 1903.⁹² He saw service during the Great War with the 11th Battalion, Australian Infantry. He died on 17 September 1915. He is remembered with honour at Shell Green Cemetery, Turkey.

⁸⁸ *The Irish Times*, 4 September 1915, p. 6.

⁸⁹ Our Heroes website. Online: <http://ourheroes.southdublinlibraries.ie/node/16430> (accessed 30 Mar. 2015)

⁹⁰ Weir, Brian. *Armagh Cricket Club 150 Not Out. The History of Cricket in an Ulster City*. (Armagh, 2009), p. 89.

⁹¹ Little and Parkinson. *Merrion*, p. 31.

⁹² Information based on a database of Dublin University cricket players compiled by David Penney.

TAYLOR, JOHN ARTHUR HAROLD (1891-1915)

Lieutenant John Arthur Harold Taylor was born on 12 June 1891, a son of Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Taylor, Kilnasoolagh Rectory, Newmarket-on-Fergus, Co. Clare. John attended Campbell College, Belfast, from April 1903 to July 1909. A school prefect, he was on the rugby first XV and the cricket first XI from 1907-1909.⁹³ He subsequently attended Trinity College, Dublin. He played on the Long Vacation XI at Dublin University in 1911.⁹⁴ Three of his brothers also attended Campbell College, all of whom served in the Great War: William Alfred Taylor, Thomas Edgar Hugh Taylor and Noel Vivian Taylor.

During the war in Europe he served as a Lieutenant with the 1st Battalion, Royal Dublin Fusiliers. During the night of 23/24 September 1915 ‘2nd Lieutenant J.A.H. Taylor was shot in the back while moving along the advanced, incomplete fire trench by a sniper. He was buried at 10.30 am, 24th, near Battalion HQ’.⁹⁵ He was 24 years old. He is remembered with honour at Azmak Cemetery, Suvla, Gallipoli.

BROWNE, THE HON. MAURICE HENRY DERMOT (1894-1915)

Lieutenant The Hon. Maurice Henry Dermot Browne was born on 25 July 1894, a son of the 5th Earl and Countess of Kenmare, 66 Cadogan Street, Chelsea, London. From May 1905 to July 1912 he attended Downside School.⁹⁶ Before he left he had been head of his house and holder of the school challenge cups for golf and boxing. He was also a member of the cricket eleven.⁹⁷ In July 1912 he passed into Sandhurst and was gazetted to the Coldstream Guards in the following year. When the war commenced in Europe he went to the Front with his regiment in August 1914, taking part in the fighting at Mons. In September 1914 he was wounded in his right forearm during the battle of the Aisne and he was invalided home. He was mentioned in Despatches.⁹⁸ On recovering from his wounds he rejoined his regiment and headed once more for France. On September 29, 1915, while their trenches were being heavily shelled, an urgent call was sent to the commanding officer, who at once came out of his shelter with Lieutenant Browne at his side. At that moment a German shell fell directly on them, killing them both instantly. Lieut. Browne was only two months past his twenty-first birthday. It was remarked that Lieut. Brown ‘dearly loved his home at Killarney. There in that beautiful country, amongst his many friends of all classes, he spent his happy childhood and most of his youth’.⁹⁹ Lieut. Dermot Browne is remembered with honour at Vermelles British Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France.

CARUTH, JAMES GORDON (1896-1915)

Second Lieutenant James Gordon Caruth was born at Ballymena on 3 September 1896, the eldest son of James Davis and Constance Helena Caruth, Hugomont, Ballymena, Co. Antrim. He was

⁹³ *The Campbellian* Vol. II, p. 80.

⁹⁴ Information based on a database of Dublin University cricket players compiled by David Penney.

⁹⁵ Keith Haines, personal communication, 9 March 2015.

⁹⁶ *The Downside Review* No. 109, Vol. XXXVII, December 1918, p. 56.

⁹⁷ *Kerry Weekly Reporter*, 30 October 1915, p. 7.

⁹⁸ *The Downside Review* No. 109, p. 91.

⁹⁹ *Kerry Weekly Reporter*, 30 October 1915, p. 7.

educated at Cheltenham College where he was a keen cricketer. He was on the second XI and he was also on the rugby first XV.¹⁰⁰ When he returned to Ireland he also played with Ballymena CC.¹⁰¹ He was one of the club's most promising cricketers.¹⁰² At the outbreak of the war he received his commission in 1914 the 5th Battalion Royal Irish Rifles (Royal South Downs) then stationed at Victoria Barracks, Belfast.¹⁰³ He was sent to Flanders and was with the 2nd Battalion. He was offered an important position at the base, but declined this, asking to be allocated to the front. He was killed in September 1915, aged 19 years. Second Lieutenant James G. Caruth is remembered with honour at Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

LYNCH, JOSEPH EDWARD (1882-1915)

Captain Joseph Edward Lynch was the second son of Michael Palles and Annie Josephine Lynch, 4 Clifton Terrace, Monkstown, Co. Dublin. He was educated at Clongowes Wood College and later at Trinity College Dublin.¹⁰⁴ He was well known in cricket and football circles in Dublin, having won his colours on the Dublin University XI in 1905. He dismissed the great Australian batsman Victor Trumper for 22 in the Dublin University Past and Present match against the Australians in 1905.¹⁰⁵ In 1909 he travelled with the Gentlemen of Ireland to North America and played against the Gentlemen of Philadelphia at Haverford 'when he was the tenth victim of Bart King who took ten for 53 in the first innings'.¹⁰⁶ He was on the Monkstown rugby XV in 1903. He also played 'soccer' for Trinity.¹⁰⁷ He was also a member of Killiney Golf Club. He entered the army in 1905 and was appointed Second Lieutenant in the 2nd Battalion Royal Irish Fusiliers, then stationed in India. He contracted a severe attack of enteric fever and malaria in India and returned home. He retired from the army and emigrated to Canada. When war broke out in Europe he returned home and on applying for service was appointed, in September 1914, to the 10th Battalion Yorkshire Regiment. He died on 25 September 1915, aged 35 years. Captain Joseph E. Lynch is remembered with honour on the Loos Memorial, Pas de Calais, France.

RYAN, JAMES HENRY ALOYSIUS (?-1915)

Captain James Henry Aloysius Ryan M.C. was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Ryan, Roade, Northampton. He attended Downside School from September 1905 to December 1910.¹⁰⁸ While there he was captain of cricket, football and hockey. 'In addition to eight matches for Northamptonshire, he played one match for Ireland in 1912'.¹⁰⁹ He also appeared for Sandhurst and Aldershot Command. He served with the 1st Battalion, The King's (Liverpool Regiment). He

¹⁰⁰ Taylor. *The 2nd Royal Irish Rifles*, p. 211.

¹⁰¹ *The Irish Times*, 1 October 1915, p. 6.

¹⁰² Glass, George. *Ballymena Cricket Club – the First 150 Years* (Ballymena, c.2005), p. 14.

¹⁰³ *Belfast Newsletter*, 1 October 1915, p. 10.

¹⁰⁴ *The Irish Times*, 4 October 1915, p. 6.

¹⁰⁵ Renshaw. *Wisden on the Great War*, p. 148.

¹⁰⁶ Renshaw. *Wisden on the Great War*, pp 148-9.

¹⁰⁷ *Belfast Newsletter*, 5 October 1915, p. 10.

¹⁰⁸ *The Downside Review* No. 109, p. 72.

¹⁰⁹ Renshaw. *Wisden on the Great War*, p. 175.

received the Military Cross and he was also mentioned in Despatches.¹¹⁰ He died on 25 September 1915. He is remembered with honour at Cambrin Military Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France.

THESIGER, GEORGE HANDCOCK (c.1868-1915)

Major-General George Handcock Thesiger C.B., C.M.G., was a son of Lt. Gen. The Hon. Charles Wemyss Thesiger, and The Hon. Mrs. C.W. Thesiger. He was married to Frances Thesiger, 13 St. Leonard's Terrace, Chelsea, London. He was well known in Belfast and Ulster cricket circles when he was stationed in Belfast around 1890. He was a very good batsman, playing regularly for the Rifle Brigade. He also appeared on numerous occasions for the North of Ireland CC.¹¹¹ His father was also a keen cricketer. When stationed in Ireland with the Inniskillings he played with the Shanbally CC, a club principally centred on the O'Callaghan estate at Shanbally in south county Tipperary.¹¹² Mentioned in Despatches, George was in command of the 9th (Scottish) Division, General Staff when he died on 26 September 1915, aged 47 years. Major-General George H. Thesiger is remembered with honour at Loos Memorial, Pas de Calais, France.

SMITHWICK, JAMES ARNOLD (1881-1915)

Captain James Arnold Smithwick was born on 10 June 1881, a son of John Francis and Marian (*née* Power) Smithwick, Archer's Street, Kilkenny. His father was a Member of Parliament for Co. Kilkenny from 1880-86. James attended Clongowes Wood College, Co. Kildare from 1896 to 1899.¹¹³ He was a member of the Clongowes cricket XI in 1899, taking three wickets in the school's defeat of the celebrated Phoenix CC.¹¹⁴ He was a member of both Co. Kilkenny CC and Kilkenny Golf Club.

He disembarked in France on 8 October 1914, where he was attached to 2nd Bn. Royal Irish Regiment. James was seriously wounded in action at Le Pilly, near Lille, and was taken prisoner of war around the 19-20 October. He was interned at Husaren Kaserne, Crefeld POW camp. His brother Richard made contact with the Foreign Office to arrange for the exchange of his brother for a German POW on humanitarian grounds due to illness. James was moved initially to Wandsworth Military Hospital, and subsequently to Pinewood Sanatorium, Wokingham. He had developed tuberculosis and on 9 November 1915, Captain James A. Smithwick, aged 34 years, died in a private nursing home in Beaumont Place, London. His remains were repatriated to Ireland and he was interred in Foulkstown Catholic Churchyard, Co. Kilkenny, where he is remembered with honour.¹¹⁵

¹¹⁰ *The Downside Review* No. 109, p. 82.

¹¹¹ *Irish Independent*, 2 October 1915, p. 6.

¹¹² *Tipperary Free Press*, 10 September 1872.

¹¹³ Brannigan, Niall and John Kirwan. *Kilkenny Families in the Great War* (Kilkenny, 2012), p. 482.

¹¹⁴ *Kildare Observer*, 13 May 1899, p. 8.

¹¹⁵ Brannigan and Kirwan. *Kilkenny Families in the Great War*, p. 482.

FANNING, FREDERICK (c.1888-1915)

Third Engineer Frederick Fanning was a son of John William and Helen Fanning, of South Mall, Lismore, Co. Waterford. He was educated at Lismore College ‘and later still was trained at the Vicars and Barrow-in-Furness. He possessed an exceedingly nice manner, unassuming and affable to all. He was a great favourite and in the local hockey and cricket club he took an abiding interest’.¹¹⁶ He was aboard S.S. “Rhineland” (Liverpool), Mercantile Marine. He died on 11 November 1915, aged 27 years. He is remembered with honour at Tower Hill Memorial, London, England.

MCNAMARA, VINCENT (c.1891-1915)

Second Lieutenant Vincent McNamara was a son of Patrick Joseph and Margaret McNamara (*née* O’Connell), ‘Analore’, Castle Road, Blackrock, Cork. He was a graduate of the Engineering School of Cork University College. He was elected to the committee of Cork County CC in April 1912.¹¹⁷ He was also a keen rugby player for University College Cork. He won three Irish international caps in 1914 against England, Scotland and Wales.¹¹⁸ He was one of nine Irish rugby internationals to die in the war.¹¹⁹ During the war he served with 136th Fortress Company, Royal Engineers. He died on 29 November 1915, aged 24 years. He is remembered with honour at Lancashire Landing Cemetery, Turkey.

FLYNN, DANIEL (c.1881-1915)

Lance Sergeant Daniel Flynn was a son of William and Kate A. Flynn, of Kilbeggan, Westmeath. He had previously served in the United States Marine Corps. Daniel was a well-known Co. Westmeath cricketer, and the popular Clerk of Petty Sessions in Kilbeggan, Co. Westmeath.¹²⁰ During the war in Europe he fought with the 5th Battalion, Connaught Rangers, service number 3918. He died on 8 December 1915, aged 34 years. He is remembered with honour at Doiran Memorial, Greece.

LARKIN, FRANCIS (c.1893-1915)

Trooper Francis Larkin of Wilton Lodge, Sandymount, Dublin was educated at Blackrock College. He was an all round sportsman and played football for Bohemians, he rowed for Commercial Rowing Club and he played cricket for Sandymount CC.¹²¹ He joined the South Irish Horse at the start of the war and volunteered for the duty of bomb throwing.¹²² He was with “A” Squadron when he was killed on 22 December 1915, aged 22 years. Trooper Francis Larkin is remembered with honour at Chapelle-D’armentieres New Military Cemetery, Nord, France.

¹¹⁶ *Munster Express*, November 1915.

¹¹⁷ Murphy. *Long Shadows by de Banks*, p. 74.

¹¹⁸ Van Esbeck. *Irish Rugby*, p. 301.

¹¹⁹ Van Esbeck. *Irish Rugby*, p. 66.

¹²⁰ *Freeman’s Journal*, 27 January 1915, p. 4.

¹²¹ *Freeman’s Journal*, 31 December 1915, p. 6.

¹²² *Weekly Irish Times*, 8 January 1916, p. 4.

MCMAHON, PATRICK SENON (c.1888-1915)

Second Lieutenant Patrick Senon McMahon was a son of Mr. And Mrs. John McMahon, Knocknagun, Newmarket-on-Fergus, Co. Clare. He joined the Officer Training Corps at Kilworth, Co. Cork, in February 1915. He got his commission with the 9th Dublin Fusiliers before transferring to the 8th Royal Munster Fusiliers. He was a member of Fermoy Cricket Club and also Blackheath Golf Club. He was athletic champion of the O.T.C. at Kilworth and he also won the 100 yards race at the Irish Brigade sports.¹²³ He was wounded on Christmas Eve 1915 and he died of his injuries on 29 December, aged 28 years. He is remembered with honour at Bethune Town Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France.

BURGESS, ROBERT BALDERSTON (c.1891-1915)

Captain Robert Balderston Burgess was a native of Dun Laoighre (Kingstown), Co. Dublin. He was a son of Henry and Agnes Burgess, who subsequently moved to 6R, Bicknell Mansions, Gloucester Place, Portman Square, London. During the war he served with the Royal Engineers. He died in 1915, aged 24 years. He is remembered with honour at Bailleul Communal Cemetery Extension, Nord, France.

¹²³ *Irish Independent*, 3 January 1916, p. 4.

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NEALE, ARTHUR HILL (1889-1916)

Lieutenant Arthur Hill Neale was born on 15 May 1889, the youngest son of Dr. and Mrs. William Neale, Mountmellick, Co. Laois. He was educated at St. Columba's College, Rathfarnham, Co. Dublin. He represented the school at both cricket and rugby.¹²⁴ In June 1906 He entered Trinity College Dublin. He played for the second and third XIs in 1908 and 1909 while attending Dublin University. He also appeared for the Long Vacation XI in 1911.¹²⁵ In October 1911 he passed his military examinations and obtained one of two commissions in the Indian Army annually offered to the university. After one year's service during which he was attached to the Royal Irish Regiment he was gazetted Second Lieutenant to the 1st Brahmans, being promoted to Lieutenant one year later. He landed in France with the Second Indian Expeditionary Force and took part in operations with the Lahore Division. During this time he was attached to the 9th Bhopal Infantry.¹²⁶ After five months service in France he was transferred to Egypt and in December 1915 he was attached to the 6th Jat Light Infantry. With that Regiment he joined General Aylmer's force in the Persian Gulf.¹²⁷ He is commemorated on the Great War memorial at St. Columba's College, Dublin. He was killed in Mesopotamia on 21 January 1916, aged 25 years. He is remembered with honour at Basra Memorial, Iraq.

WOOD, R.N. (?-1916)

Second Lieutenant R.N. Wood was educated at King's Hospital, Palmerstown, Co. Dublin. He was a member of the school XI which won the Leinster School's Cup Final in 1905 and 1906.¹²⁸ During the war he served with the 9th Battalion, Royal Irish Fusiliers. He died on 22 February 1916. He is remembered with honour at Hamel Military Cemetery, Beaumont-Hamel, Somme, France.

EDGAR, JOHN HAMMOND (1879-1916)

Lieutenant John Hammond Edgar was a son of Robert Smyth and Eliza Jane (*née* Jardine) Edgar, 15 Cliftonville Avenue Belfast and Dromore, Co. Down. He attended Campbell College, Belfast from 1895-97 and he played on the cricket XI in 1897.¹²⁹ He subsequently attended Queen's College, Belfast and London University. He was 'the only one of the twenty-five barristers listed on the memorial at the Four Courts, Dublin who was called to both the Irish and English Bars'.¹³⁰ He volunteered for service at the outbreak of the war. He served with 9th Battalion, Durham Light Infantry. He died on 24 February 1916, aged 36 years. He is remembered with honour at the Four Courts memorial, Dublin; Royal Courts of Justice, Belfast; Queen's

¹²⁴ *Freeman's Journal*, 23 February 1916, p. 5; Renshaw. *Wisden on the Great War*, p. 264.

¹²⁵ Information based on a database of Dublin University cricket players compiled by David Penney.

¹²⁶ *Weekly Irish Times*, 26 February 1916, p. 4.

¹²⁷ *Leinster Express*, 26 February 1916, p. 4.

¹²⁸ Mahony and Whiteside. *Cricket at the King's Hospital*, pp 9, 11.

¹²⁹ Quinn. *Wigs and Guns*, p. 90.

¹³⁰ Quinn. *Wigs and Guns*, p. 91.

University, Belfast; Campbell College war memorial, Belfast and at Railway Dugouts Burial Ground (Transport Farm), West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

DAVIS, RICHARD CHRISTOPHER (c.1897-1916)

Second Lieutenant Richard ('Dicky') Christopher Davis was the eldest son of James and Marguerite Jane Davis, Harpur House, Drogheda, Co. Louth. Shortly after the war commenced he obtained a commission in the regular army and he served in Flanders, where he was wounded in 1915. After recuperating he went to Mesopotamia where he was killed in action serving with the 3rd Battalion, attached to 1st Battalion, Manchester Regiment on 19 March 1916. He was 19 years old. He was well known in athletic and cricketing circles.¹³¹ He is remembered with honour at Basra Memorial, Iraq.

MANGIN, HENRY REUBEN FREDERICK (1889-1916)

Private Henry Reuben Frederick Mangin was born in Beaumaris, Wales on 28 December 1889, the eldest son of Harry and Frances A. Mangin, Dublin. He attended the High School, Dublin. The family emigrated to Canada in the early 1900s. While living in Canada he played cricket with the Osborne CC, Montreal for which he was described as a hard-hitting batsman.¹³² When the war broke out in Europe he enlisted and travelled to France with Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (Eastern Ontario Regiment). He suffered a compound fracture and shrapnel wounds to his left leg.¹³³ He died from these wounds on 27 March 1916, aged 26 years at the 17th Casualty Clearing Station. He is remembered with honour at Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

ERVINE, C.J. (c.1894-1916)

Second Lieutenant C.J. Ervine was a son of Robert and Mary Ervine, of "Moylena," 190, Cregagh Road, Belfast. He was a member of the Cregagh Cricket Club, a club which was founded in 1906.¹³⁴ The Cregagh club was, and still remains, an active yet close knit club in East Belfast. C.J. Ervine served with the 27th (Tyneside Irish) Battalion, Northumberland Fusiliers during World War I. He died on 6 April 1916, aged 22 years. He is remembered with honour at Bailleul Communal Cemetery Extension, Nord, France. He is also commemorated on the war memorial at Queen's University, Belfast.

REID, WILLIAM HENRY (c.1892-1916)

Rifleman William Henry Reid was a son of Mr. and Mrs. William Reid, Bloomfield, Belfast. He was a nephew of Mr. S. E. S. Miskimmin (Sirocco Works), 18 Glenbrook Avenue, Bloomfield, with whom he resided since boyhood. He was a member of the Avoniel Battalion of the East

¹³¹ *Irish Independent*, 16 March 1916, p. 2.

¹³² Renshaw. *Wisden on the Great War*, p. 255.

¹³³ *The Irish Times*, 19 May 1913, p. 5. See also High School Dublin War Stories. Online <http://www.hsdwarstories.com/2014/01/private-henry-reuben-frederick-mangin.html> (accessed 12 April 2015)

¹³⁴ *Cregagh Cricket Club 100 not out. 1906-2006 centenary booklet* (Belfast, 2006), p. 39.

Belfast Regiment U.V.F., of the Young Citizen Volunteers, and of the 5th Old Boys' Brigade, for the cricket and football teams of which he played. He was also a member of McQuiston Gymnasium; St. Donard's Parish Church; Royal Schomberg Loyal Orange Lodge 1690 and Union Temperance L.O.L. 691.¹³⁵ Serving with 14th Battalion, Royal Irish Rifles, service number he was killed on 6 April 1916, aged 24 years. Rifleman William H. Reid is remembered with honour at Hamel Military Cemetery, Beaumont-Hamel, Somme, France.

BROWNING, FRANCIS HENRY (1868-1916)

Francis (Frank) Henry Browning was a son of Mr and Mrs Jeffery and Julia Mary (*née* Smart), who was born at 7 Warwick Terrace, Leeson Park, Dublin on 21 June 1868. His father was a solicitor by profession. Frank was educated at Marlborough College, Wiltshire and Dublin University, which he entered in October 1886. He played cricket for Dublin University, Civil Service CC, Phoenix CC and Ireland. His career for Ireland lasted from 1888 to 1909, and in the process he became the first Irishman to make 1,000 runs. He also had the distinction of captaining his country fourteen times. During his life Frank had the honour, a unique double, of 'being president of both the cricket and rugby unions. A barrister by profession, Frank helped form a 'pals' regiment of rugby men who fought in the First World War'.¹³⁶ As Stephen Walker has clearly outlined in his book, *Ireland's Call*, Frank, at the age of forty-seven, was 'deemed too old for service at the front, but he played a vital role in personally recruiting hundreds of sportsmen into the services. Many young men who excelled on the sports field and later went into battle only did so because of Browning's influence'.¹³⁷

In Dublin, Browning was 'commanding officer of an unarmed home guard-style unit,' many of whom were older men, whose age and low fitness levels ensured that they could not serve overseas.¹³⁸ As Edward Liddle has written, Frank 'was a Lieutenant Colonel of the Veteran Corps of the General Reserve and thus an officer in the Irish Auxiliary Volunteer Training Corps, 'an organisation for gentlemen of above military age', known as the 'Gorgeous Wrecks' because of the loyal George Rex on their dummy, rifles.'¹³⁹ When the Easter Rising broke out in Dublin on Easter Monday, 24 April 1916, Browning and his men were out in the city when they were fired upon by rebels on that fateful first day of the Rising. In the words of Stephen Walker, 'bleeding profusely, Frank Browning was initially taken to Beggar's Bush barracks, and was then moved to a hospital in Baggot Street. There was little that nursing staff could do because his injuries were so severe, and two days later he died. He was one of five members of the volunteer corps to die that day'.¹⁴⁰ Though technically, Frank Henry Browning did not die in

¹³⁵ *Belfast Newsletter*, 19 April 1916.

¹³⁶ Siggins, Gerard and Fitzgerald, James. *Ireland's 100 cricket greats* (Dublin, 2006), p. 28.

¹³⁷ Walker. *Ireland's Call*, p. 55. For a wonderful overview of Frank Browning's life and career see Chapter 3 'Browning's Boys' in Stephen's book, pp 54-72. He is also the subject of a tribute by Ger Siggins and James Fitzgerald in *Ireland's 100 cricket greats*, pp 27-8.

¹³⁸ Siggins and Fitzgerald. *Ireland's Call*, p. 28.

¹³⁹ Edward Liddle. 'Frank Browning' biography on the Cricket Europe Ireland website

<https://www.cricketeurope.com/DATABASE/ARTICLES2/articles/000068/006878.shtml> (Accessed 16 July 2018).

¹⁴⁰ Walker. *Ireland's Call*, p. 56.

the Great War, his efforts in forming a Pals Brigade ensures that his efforts, commitment and sacrifice should not be forgotten.

COLLINS, NEWTON H. (?-1916)

Second Lieutenant Newton H. Collins was educated at the King's Hospital, Palmerstown, Co. Dublin and Mountjoy School, Dublin. In the Leinster Schools' Cup Final in 1905 Collins took sixteen wickets as the King's Hospital defeated Mountjoy School by two wickets.¹⁴¹ King's Hospital successfully defended their title in 1906, Collins taking a mere twelve wickets in the final against St. Andrew's College.¹⁴² In 1907 Collins had moved to Mountjoy School and he was on the Mountjoy XI which came up against King's Hospital in the final of the Leinster Schools' Cup Final. Though he took eight of the King's Hospital wickets it was not enough to deprive his former school of their third successive title.¹⁴³ N.H. Collins also played for Leinster in the first two schools' interprovincials (1906 and 1907).¹⁴⁴ He served with the 7th Battalion, Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers during the hostilities in Europe. He died on 27 April 1916. He is remembered with honour at Philosophe British Cemetery, Mazingarbe, Pas de Calais, France.

QUINLAN, LOUIS (c.1897-1916)

Lieutenant Louis Quinlan was the fourth son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Quinlan, Kilbrogan hill, Bandon, Co. Cork. He was educated at Clongowes Wood and Belvedere Colleges, where he was well-known in cricket and football circles.¹⁴⁵ He later represented Leinster in inter-provincial rugby matches. Shortly after the outbreak of war he joined the Cadet Corps of the 7th Leinster regiment which was then stationed in Fermoy, Co. Cork. He received his commission as Second Lieutenant in April 1915. He was killed in action on 27 April 1916, aged 19 years, while fighting with the 8th Battalion Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. He is remembered with honour at Dud Corner Cemetery, Loos,

FRIZELLE, A. (c.1890-1916)

Second Lieutenant A. Frizelle was a son of John Henry and Belinda Frizelle, Ballinglen, Ballycastle, Co. Mayo. He was educated at Mountjoy School, Dublin. He was on the school XI which lost to King's Hospital in the 1907 final of the Leinster Schools' Cup.¹⁴⁶ Described as 'a young man of splendid physique,' he did good service for his school at both cricket and football.¹⁴⁷ He played for Leinster Schools in 1908 in the interprovincial competition, top-scoring with 40 in the second innings.¹⁴⁸ He emigrated to Canada in 1915 and joined the engineering staff of the Hudson Bay Railway Company. He enlisted in the Irish Guards in May

¹⁴¹ Mahony, Noel and Whiteside, Robert. *Cricket at the King's Hospital 1897-1997* (Dublin, 1997), pp 8-9.

¹⁴² Mahony and Whiteside. *Cricket at the King's Hospital*, pp 10-11.

¹⁴³ Mahony and Whiteside. *Cricket at the King's Hospital*, pp 13-4.

¹⁴⁴ My thanks to Dr Murray Power for this information.

¹⁴⁵ *Southern Star*, 6 May 1916, p. 5.

¹⁴⁶ Mahony and Whiteside. *Cricket at the King's Hospital*, pp 13-14.

¹⁴⁷ *The Irish Times*, 22 May 1916, p. 6.

¹⁴⁸ My thanks to Dr Murray Power for this information.

1915, receiving his commission on the Royal Field Artillery a few months later. He was with the “B” Battery 75th Brigade RFA, when he died on the first day of the Battle of the Somme, 1 May 1916, aged 26 years. Second Lieutenant Frizelle is remembered with honour at Vlamertinghe Military Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

O’KEEFFE, JOSEPH RICHARD (?-1916)

Second Lieutenant Joseph Richard O’Keeffe served with the 10th Battalion, The Loyal North Lancashire Regiment. He entered Trinity College Dublin in 1905. He played for the Dublin University cricket third XI in 1907.¹⁴⁹ He died on 4 May 1916. He is remembered with honour at Bienwillers Military Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France.

CURRAN, HERBERT (c.1895-1916)

Private Herbert (Bertie) Curran was the third son of Mr and Mrs Miles Curran, 29 College Gardens, Belfast. Private Curran was educated at Coleraine Academical Institution and at Royal Belfast Academical Institution.¹⁵⁰ While attending R.B.A.I. he played cricket for the 1st XI in 1911.¹⁵¹ Before enlisting in 1914, he was employed in the head office of the Northern Banking Company. He was also a member of the Ulster Cricket Club.¹⁵² Private Curran was killed on 7 May 1916, aged 21 years. He is remembered with honour at Tranchee De Mecknes Cemetery, Aix-Noulette, Pas de Calais, France. He is also commemorated on the war memorial in the Common Hall at the R.B.A.I.

MITCHELL, ARTHUR GORMAN (1896-1916)

Second Lieutenant Arthur Gorman Mitchell was a son of Lieutenant Colonel Arthur Brownlow Mitchell (RAMC) and Mabel Mitchell, 18 University Square, Belfast. Arthur attended Campbell College from January 1908 to July 1914. His father married for a second time, and two of his half-brothers later attended the school. He was born on 28 August 1896, and his home address, while attending Campbell College, was 18 University Square, Belfast. He was on the first XI at Campbell in 1913 and 1914. He was one of those selected to play in the Schools’ Interprovincial match. He played as number four batsman. He totalled 227 runs (twice not out) in 17 innings, ending with an average of 15.¹⁵³ A keen golfer he was identified with the Malone Club, and ‘further honours would undoubtedly have fallen to him as an exponent of the Royal and Ancient game if he had been spared.’¹⁵⁴

Arthur was a first-year medical student at Queen’s University Belfast and a member of the Officer Training Corps. He applied for a commission on 21 April 1915, which he obtained on 8 May 1915, with the 5th Royal Irish Rifles (Royal South Downs). He travelled to the Front in March 1916, and was killed in action on 13 May 1916. He was killed by a sniper’s bullet in front

¹⁴⁹ Information based on a database of Dublin University cricket players compiled by David Penney.

¹⁵⁰ *The Belfast Newsletter*, 15 May 1916, p. 8.

¹⁵¹ My thanks to Dr Murray Power for this information.

¹⁵² *Northern Whig*, 15 May 1916, p. 8.

¹⁵³ *The Campbellian*, Vol.III, p. 139.

¹⁵⁴ *Belfast Newsletter*, 18 May 1916, p. 8.

line trenches, having been there for only three weeks. It was near Arras, where he was sent to alleviate position of 13th Cheshire Regiment, but he and three others were killed during intense fire. The War Office sent a telegram to his father on 16 May 1916, and again on 3 September 1916 to convey his burial place.¹⁵⁵

Second Lieutenant Arthur Mitchell is remembered with honour on memorials in Fisherwick Presbyterian Church, Malone Road, Belfast and Queen's University OTC. He is also commemorated at Ecoivres Military Cemetery, Mont St Eloi, Pas de Calais, France.

GRIFFITH, HARRY RATHBONE (c.1866-1916)

Lieutenant Harry Rathbone Griffith was the fourth son of Rev. Joseph and Charlotte Griffith. He was married to Mary E. Anwyl Griffith, of Tanyronen, Portmadoc, Caernarvonshire. He attended Trinity College Dublin, qualifying as a Medical Doctor in 1899. He played for the Dublin University cricket second XI in 1879, 1880 and 1882.¹⁵⁶ During the war he was with the Royal Army Medical Corps. He died on 21 May 1916, aged 50 years, while on service at Press Heath Camp, Whitechurch.¹⁵⁷ He is remembered with honour at Oswestry General Cemetery, Shropshire, England. He is also commemorated on the Roll of Honour at Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital, Dublin.

BARRETT, ERNEST WILLIAM (1890-1916)

Captain Flight Commander Ernest William Barrett was a son of James Hunter and Eleanor Barrett (*née* Hughes), Bangor, Co. Down. He was born on 16 February 1889 while the family lived at Kinnegar, Holywood, County Down. His father was a clerk of petty sessions. Ernest was educated at Campbell College, Belfast; Royal School, Armagh; and Queen's University, Belfast. He was a noted athlete and a well known cricketer and football player, as well as a keen golfer.¹⁵⁸ While a pupil at the Royal School, Armagh, E.W. Barrett played for the Ulster Schools in 1906 and 1907. He was the second-highest scorer for Ulster on each occasion, with 14 and 30 and also took four wickets in the second game, which Ulster won by an innings.¹⁵⁹ He saw service with the Royal Flying Corps during the War. He died in action on 29 May 1916, aged 26 years. He is remembered with honour at Lijssenthoek Military cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. He is also commemorated on the Bangor War Memorial, County Down.

HENNESSY, MURTAGH FREDERICK (1889-1916)

Gunner Murtagh Frederick Hennessy was the eldest son of Arthur and Margaret Hennessy (*née* Connor), Turbotaton, Coole, Co. Westmeath.¹⁶⁰ He was born on 28 January 1889 at Kildevin, Co. Westmeath, the son of a labourer. He was described as a 'brilliant member of Turbotaton

¹⁵⁵ The National Archive: WO/339/48382.

¹⁵⁶ Information based on a database of Dublin University cricket players compiled by David Penney.

¹⁵⁷ Casey, Cullen and Duignan. *Irish Doctors*, p. 313.

¹⁵⁸ Our Heroes. Online: <http://ourheroes.southdublinlibraries.ie/node/16817> Accessed 30 Mar. 2015.

¹⁵⁹ My thanks to Dr Murray Power for this information.

¹⁶⁰ His CWGC data record gives his name as Murlagh Frederick Hennessy. The name given above is taken from the contemporary press.

Cricket Club'.¹⁶¹ Serving with the Royal Marine artillery Unit on the H.M.S. "Lion", he was killed in action during the Battle of Jutland, on 31 May 1916, aged 27 years.¹⁶² Gunner Murtagh F. Hennessy is remembered with honour at Portsmouth Naval Memorial, Hampshire, England.

KING, HENRY STUART (1896-1916)

Sub-Lieutenant Henry Stuart King was the eldest son of Mr. Frank A.S. King, Local Government Inspector and Mrs. Olivia E. King, Cliftonville, Bray, Co. Wicklow. He was a grandson of the late Rev. Robert King, Ballymena, Co. Antrim. Henry was born in India in 1896, and he gained an entrance scholarship at Monkstown Park School in 1906. He then passed direct to Osborne Royal Naval College in 1909 and then to Dartmouth R.N. College in 1911. While at Dartmouth he was on the rugby XV, and he was described as "a useful member of the cricket team, a strong swimmer, and a fair all-round athlete".¹⁶³ During the six months cruise prescribed for completion of a Royal Naval Cadet's course, aboard the H.M.S. cruiser Cornwale, he visited Norway, Newfoundland, Bermuda, Tenerife, Malta, and Gibraltar. On passing the necessary exams he attained the rank of midshipman in January 1914 and was appointed to H.M.S. Indefatigable, which was then on the Mediterranean station. He carried out the duties of admiral's midshipman to Admiral Tronbridge whilst he was in command of the Mediterranean Fleet, seeing much active service near the Dardanelles from August 1914 until February 1915, when the ship was transferred to other waters after being refitted. Having passed further examinations in January 1916, he was promoted to Acting Sub-Lieutenant and by special request of his captain he was reappointed on promotion to H.M.S. Indefatigable.

In March 1916 he was selected to represent the officers of H.M.S. Indefatigable on an eight day visit with a party of officers and men from other warships to the Irish Guards in the trenches near Ypres. Sub-Lieutenant Henry S. King was killed in action on 31 May 1916, aged 19 years. He is remembered with honour at Plymouth Naval Memorial, Devon, England.

MOORE, DACRE WILLIAM (1892-1916)

Lieutenant Dacre William Moore was a son of William Richard Moore (Bishop of Kilmore) and Lily Darley Moore (*née* Cochrane), The See House, Cavan, Co. Cavan. He was born at Carrick-on-Shannon, Co. Leitrim on 27 June 1892, when his family lived in the town. He played for the Dublin University cricket third XI in 1912.¹⁶⁴ He was with the Machine Gun Corps (Infantry). He died on 11 June 1918, aged 23 years. He is remembered with honour at Authuille Military Cemetery, Somme, France.

BEGGS, HENRY 'HARRY' PARKER (1890-1916)

Captain Henry 'Harry' Parker Beggs was the younger son of Samuel and Mary Jane 'Minnie' Beggs (*née* Parker), of Chestnut Villa, Dunmurry, Co. Antrim. He was born on 3 June 1890 and his father was employed as a warehouseman. Harry played for Cliftonville Cricket and Hockey

¹⁶¹ *Westmeath Examiner*, 24 June 1914, p. 5.

¹⁶² Burnell, Tom. *The Carlow War Dead. A History of the Casualties of the Great War* (Dublin, 2011), p.

¹⁶³ *Ballymena Observer*, 16 June 1916, p. 5.

¹⁶⁴ Information based on a database of Dublin University cricket players compiled by David Penney.

clubs.¹⁶⁵ He was a member of the Ulster Volunteer Force and when the war broke out in Europe he enlisted with the Ulster Division, receiving a commission in the Royal Irish Rifles.¹⁶⁶ He served with “B” Coy, 8th Battalion, Royal Irish Rifles during the war. He was killed in action on 1 July 1916, aged 26 years, at the start of the Battle of the Somme. He is remembered with honour at Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France.

BEVERLAND, ROBERT (1895-1916)

Sergeant Robert Beverland was the eldest son of David and Rebecca Beverland (*née* Carlisle), North Street, Belfast, and Erneville, Holywood, County Down. He was born on 1 July 1915 and his father was employed as a boot merchant. Robert was employed by Messrs. John Riddell & Son, Ltd., Ann Street, Belfast. He was a member of Holywood Cricket Club, and in pre-war days was associated with the Ulster Volunteer Force. When the war broke out in Europe he served with A Company, 13th Battalion Royal Irish Rifles, service number 17262. He was initially reported missing, but later officially reported killed in action 1 July 1916.¹⁶⁷ He was 24 years old. He was interred in Mill Road Cemetery, Thiepval, France, where he is remembered with honour.

CHAMBERS, EDWARD CHANDOS ELLIOT (1896-1916)

Second Lieutenant Edward Chandos Elliot Chambers was the only son of Richard Edward Elliot and Edith Frances Chambers, Fosterstown, Co. Meath and Lyme Regis, Dorset, England.¹⁶⁸ He was educated at Mr. Douglas’ Malvern Link. He also attended Marlborough, where he reached the modern sixth. In the playing fields he was one of the “Cockhouse” (Sandford’s) cricket XI and football XV in 1913. After studying in Paris he attended St. John’s College, Oxford, from where he joined the Army through the Officer Training Corps, on 15 June 1915. He was gazetted a second lieutenant and he landed in France in November 1915. He served with “A” Company 19th (Service) Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers. He died on the first day of the Somme, 1 July 1916, aged 20 years. He is remembered with honour at Bouzincourt Communal Cemetery Extension, Somme, France.

CROZIER, WILLIAM MAGEE (1875-1916)

Lieutenant William Magee Crozier was born on 5 December 1875, a son of Francis Rawdon Moira and Catherine Sophia (*née* Magee) Crozier, Carrickbrennan, Monkstown, Co. Dublin. He attended Repton school, Derbyshire from 1886-92.¹⁶⁹ He was on the cricket XI in 1892 ‘when he made 113 runs with an average of 7.53’.¹⁷⁰ He also played for Dublin University against

¹⁶⁵ *Sunday Independent*, 9 July 1916, p. 3.

¹⁶⁶ *The Irish Times*, 10 July 1916 p. 6.

¹⁶⁷ *Belfast Newsletter*, 10 February 1917.

¹⁶⁸ *The Irish Times*, 10 July 1916, p. 6.

¹⁶⁹ Quinn, Anthony P. *Wigs and Guns: Irish Barristers in the Great War* (Dublin, 2006), p. 88.

¹⁷⁰ Renshaw. *Wisden on the Great War*, p. 217.

Leicestershire at Grace Road in 1895. He obtained his commission in 1914.¹⁷¹ He fought with the 9th Battalion, Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. He was another of the men to die on the first day of the Battle of the Somme, 1 July 1916, aged 42 years. He is remembered on memorials at the Four Courts, Dublin; Trinity College Dublin; Kildare Street and University Club, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin; Royal Courts of Justice, Belfast and Repton School memorial.¹⁷² Finally he is remembered with honour at Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France.

GAFFIKIN, GEORGE HORNER (1886-1916)

Major George Horner Gaffikin was a son of William and Georgina Gaffikin (*née* Horner), of King's Castle, Ardglass, Co. Down. He was born on 27 May 1886. His father's occupation at the time of his birth was that of a merchant. George was an integral member of the Holywood CC, playing in three Northern Cricket Union Challenge Cup finals with the club.¹⁷³ He was also a member of the North of Ireland Cricket and Football Club. He was with "B" Company, 9th Battalion, Royal Irish Rifles. He was killed on the first day of the Battle of the Somme, 1 July 1916, aged 30 years. He is remembered with honour at Bray Vale British Cemetery, Bray-Sur-Somme, Somme, France. He is also remembered on the North of Ireland Cricket and Football Club memorial which was erected on the club grounds, formerly on Ormeau Road, Belfast.

GREEN, WILLIAM OSMOND (1896-1916)

Second Lieutenant William Osmond Green was a son of William John and Elizabeth Green (*née* Tait). His father was a merchant from Alma Terrace, Portadown, County Armagh, though when William was born on 25 September 1896, his father's occupation was described as a commercial traveller. William was educated at Wesley College, Dublin, afterwards entering Trinity College, Dublin to commence his studies with a view to taking holy Orders in the Church of Ireland. He was a member of the O.T.C. at Trinity, from which he obtained his commission on 1 February, 1915. He was attached to the 17th royal Irish Rifles and went to the Queen's University, Belfast, Officer's School of Instruction. He was an all-round athlete. He played left-wing in the Wesley Rugby team and was in the cup final in 1913 of the Leinster Schools Cup, and gained his cap. He was a very good swimmer and he also played cricket. When home on holidays he played for his home team.¹⁷⁴ From information received, it was believed that he was engaged, with his platoon, in cutting the battalion's wire, when he was killed in action on 1 July 1916, age 19 years. He is remembered with honour at Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France.

HAMILTON, ROBERT VICTOR (c.1892-1916)

Second Lieutenant Robert Victor Hamilton was a son of James and Matilda Hamilton, 2 Glendarra, Charnwood Avenue, Belfast. He was educated at Royal Belfast Academical

¹⁷¹ *The Irish Times*, 10 July 1916, p. 6.

¹⁷² Quinn. *Wigs and Guns*, p. 89.

¹⁷³ *The Irish Times*, 27 June 1910, p.10. Hiles, *Senior Cricket in Ulster*, p. 96.

¹⁷⁴ *The Belfast Newsletter*, 11 July 1916, p. 8.

Institution, where he played on the cricket 1st XI in 1909, 1910 and 1911.¹⁷⁵ He qualified for the Civil Service, receiving an appointment in the Treasury Department at Dublin Castle. He obtained a commission in the 17th (Reserve) Battalion Royal Irish Rifles on 23 August 1915.¹⁷⁶ He went to the front in March 1916. Second Lieutenant Robert V. Hamilton was killed in action on the first day of the Somme, 1 July 1916. He is remembered with honour at the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France. He is also commemorated on the war memorial in the Common Hall at the R.B.A.I.

HANNA, THOMAS (?-1916)

Rifleman Thomas Hanna was a member of Waringstown CC. He held the office of Hon. Treasurer with the club.¹⁷⁷ During the war he served with the 13th Battalion, Royal Irish Rifles. He was killed on the first day of the Battle of the Somme, 1 July 1916. He is remembered with honour at Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France. He is also commemorated on the Waringstown War Memorial, Banbridge Road, Waringstown, County Down.

HIND, LAWRENCE ARTHUR (c.1878-1916)

Lieutenant Colonel Lawrence Arthur Hind was a son of Jesse and Eliza Hind, of Edwalton, Nottingham. He was married to Eliza Montgomery Andrews, Ardara, Comber, Co. Down. Eliza was a daughter of the Right Honourable Thomas Andrews, D.L.¹⁷⁸ While living in Comber he became a member of North Down CC.¹⁷⁹ He was with the 1st attached to the 7th Robin Hood Battalion, Sherwood Foresters (Nottingham and Derbyshire Regiment). He went to the front in February 1915. He took part in the great struggle at Hill 60, and was also present at Neuve Chapelle and Hooge. He obtained the rank of Major in July 1915, and was afterwards awarded the Military Cross. Like so many others, he was killed on the first day of the Battle of the Somme, 1 July 1916, aged 38 years. He is remembered with honour at Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France.

HONE, NATHANIAL FREDERICK (1897-1916)

Lieutenant Nathaniel Frederick Hone was a member of the Hone family, a family synonymous with Irish cricket. He was born on 3 August 1897, the son of Nathaniel Matthew Hone and Lillian Gertrude Hone (*née* Bate), at Grassmere, Gregory's Road, Colombo, Ceylon [Sri Lanka].¹⁸⁰ Nathaniel junior attended Aravan School, Bray, Co. Wicklow and St. Cloumba's College, Rathfarnham, Dublin. He was a member of Carrickmines Golf Club and he also played on the first XI St. Columba's cricket team.

¹⁷⁵ My thanks for Dr Murray Power for this information.

¹⁷⁶ *The Belfast Newsletter*, 8 July 1916, p. 6.

¹⁷⁷ Hiles, *Senior Cricket in Ulster*, p. 96.

¹⁷⁸ *The Belfast Newsletter*, 7 July 1916, p. 10.

¹⁷⁹ Hiles, *Senior Cricket in Ulster*, p. 96.

¹⁸⁰ Kinsella, *Out of the Dark*, p. 132.

Nathaniel joined the Forces from the Officer Training Corps (OTC) at St. Columba's College, Rathfarnham where he was a Lance Corporal. He was with the 3rd Battalion, attached to 9th Battalion Royal Irish Rifles, 107th Brigade in the 36th (Ulster) Division when he was killed in action on the first day of the Battle of the Somme at Thiepval, 1 July 1916.¹⁸¹ He was aged 19 years. He is remembered with honour on the Hone Memorial and the Roll of Honour at Tullow Church of Ireland, Carrickmines; on the 1914-1918 Memorial Plaque at St. Columba's College; the Great War Memorial at Aravon School, Bray, Co. Wicklow, and the Great War Memorial at Kilgobbin, Dublin.¹⁸²

JARMAN, ANDREW HATCH (c.1882-1916)

Second Lieutenant Andrew Hatch Jarman was a son of Mr and Mrs Jarman, "Ivydene", 242 Antrim Road, Belfast. Prior to the war he was at one time in the service of Messrs Workman, Clark and Co., Belfast, a well known shipbuilding company. He was also a member of the Cliftonville Cricket Club.¹⁸³ He held a commission with the 20th (Tyneside Scottish) Battalion, Northumberland Fusiliers since June 10, 1915. He was initially reported missing during the start of the Somme offensive. Second Lieutenant Andrew H. Jarman was killed in action on 1 July 1916, aged 34 years. He was survived by his sister Alice Joyce Jarman. He is remembered with honour at Ovillers Military Cemetery, Somme, France. He is also commemorated on the war memorial at Queen's University, Belfast.

MARTIN, SIDNEY TODD (1890-1916)

Lieutenant Sidney Todd Martin was the eldest son of the Rev. Professor William Todd (1837-1915) and Catherine Martin. He was born on 12 August 1890. His father was Professor of Christian Ethics at Assembly College (of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland); Moderator of the General Assembly 1893-1895; Governor of Campbell College 1898-1915. Sidney attended Campbell College, Belfast from April 1903 to July 1909. During his time at school he was on the rugby 1st XV 1907-1909, and on the cricket 1st XI in 1909. He was also a school Prefect. In 1909 he went to Cambridge, winning an Open Classical Scholarship at Sidney Sussex. After taking his degree he was reading for the Bar in London when the war broke out.¹⁸⁴

Sidney applied for Temporary Commission in the Regular Army, 1 Sept 1914. He was with the 6th (attached 1st) Battalion Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. He was wounded in action, having received a gunshot wound to his abdomen, at Suvla Bay, Gallipoli, 7 August 1915. On 14 August 1915 he was invalided, and embarked for England on HS *Aquitania* at Mudros and arrived at Southampton, 23 August 1915. Sidney received treatment at 3rd Southern General Hospital, Oxford, 23 August 1915. The Medical Board reported him unfit on 6 September 1915, and he was given a month's further leave.

Private Mackey of 'D' Company said he had lain in a shell-hole with Sidney for several

¹⁸¹ Kinsella. *Out of the Dark*, p. 131.

¹⁸² Kinsella. *Out of the Dark*, p. 132.

¹⁸³ *Larne Times*, 27 July 1916, p. 7.

¹⁸⁴ *The Campbellian* Vol. IV, p. 49.

hours on 1 July 1916. He had been wounded in the head and side, and was paralysed on his right side. At night Mackey went for a stretcher, but the body had gone when he returned. They had made a 500 yard attack on the German line at Beaumont-Hamel. They went 150 yards, then lay in shell-hole after Martin was injured.¹⁸⁵

One of his brothers, Norman Todd Martin (1896-1964) also fought in the War with the Royal Field Artillery. Lieutenant Sidney Todd Martin is commemorated with honour on the Thiepval Memorial; at the North of Ireland Rugby Football Club War Memorial (Belfast), and Fitzroy Avenue Presbyterian Church War Memorial (Belfast).

MCCLEERY, JAMES MOORE (1895-1916)

Sergeant James Moore McCleery was a son of Rev. John R. and H. F. McCleery, Riverdale Manse, Killyleagh, County Down. He was educated at Armagh Royal School. In his schooldays he was described as being a 'splendid footballer and cricketer'.¹⁸⁶ He was an apprentice manager in Shrigley Spinning Mill, Killyleagh, at the outbreak of the war. An active member of the Ulster Volunteer Force, Sgt McCleery joined the Ulster Division in September 1914. His service number was 18221. He was with the 1st Co. Down Volunteers, serving with 13th Battalion, Royal Irish Rifles when he was killed on the first day of the Somme, July 1, 1916, aged 21 years. Sgt. McCleery was among twelve soldiers cut off from their division and they defended their position for six hours when a shell exploded beside McCleery, killing him instantly. He is remembered with honour at the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France.

MCKEOWN, WILLIAM (1892-1916)

Lance Corporal William McKeown was a son of Francis and Agnes 'Aggno' McKeown, 6, Cregagh Road, Belfast. William was born on 23 December 1892 when the family resided at 96 Mount Street, Belfast. An active member of Cregagh Cricket Club he served with the 14th Battalion, Royal Irish Rifles in the Great War.¹⁸⁷ His service number was 18320. He was killed on the first day of the Battle of the Somme, 1 July 1916, aged 24 years. He is remembered with honour at Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France.

O'FLAHERTY, DOUGLAS HILL (c.1880-1916)

Captain Douglas Hill O'Flaherty was a son of Son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Hill Hale O'Flaherty, Belfast. He was married to Beatrice O'Flaherty, 31 Myrtlefield Park, Belfast. He was educated at the Royal Belfast Academical Institution. He was a member of the North of Ireland CC for which he was one of their 'crack bowlers'.¹⁸⁸ He was belonged to the Ulster Centre, Motor Cycle Union and was a member of the executive. He worked with the firm John Shaw, Brown and Company Limited. Serving with the 15th Battalion, Royal Irish Rifles, Captain O'Flaherty was another of those who died on the first day of the Battle of the Somme, 1 July 1916, age 36 years.

¹⁸⁵ The National Archive: WO/339/13197.

¹⁸⁶ *County Down Spectator*, 21 July 1916.

¹⁸⁷ *Cregagh Cricket Club 100 not out*, p. 39.

¹⁸⁸ *The Irish Times*, 8 July 1916, p. 8. Renshaw. *Wisden on the Great War*, p. 265.

He is remembered with honour at Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France. He is also commemorated on the war memorial in the Common Hall at the R.B.A.I.

OWENS, ALFRED (c.1892-1916)

Sergeant Alfred Owens was a son of Mr and Mrs Jane Owens, 4 University Street, Belfast. He was 'a member of the Ulster Cricket Club and Malone Rugby Club, where he played on the senior XV.'¹⁸⁹ His service number was 18704, and he was with the 109th Company, Machine Gun Corps (Infantry) when he too died on 1 July 1916, age 24 years. He is remembered with honour at Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France.

POLLOCK, JOHN (c.1893-1916)

Lieutenant John Pollock was a son of John and Margaret Pollock, of The Priory, Marino, Co. Down. He was educated at Coleraine Academical Institution and the Royal School, Armagh. He was associated in business with his father in the firm of Lytle and Pollock Ltd., Belfast.¹⁹⁰ He was a member of the 1st Battalion North Down Regiment, Ulster Volunteer Force. He received his commission in October 1914.¹⁹¹ He was attached to the 13th Battalion Royal Irish Rifles during the war. He was one of the best golfers in Ulster, having played for Holywood Golf Club. He was also a promising cricketer for North of Ireland CC.¹⁹² He was killed in action on the first day of the Battle of the Somme, 1 July 1916, aged 23 years. He is remembered with honour on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France.

SPENCE, JACK MILLIKEN (c.1896-1916)

Lance Corporal Jack Milliken Spence was a son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. and Annie Spence, of Brownlow Street, Comber, Co. Down. He was a member of North Down CC.¹⁹³ Serving with the 13th Battalion, Royal Irish Rifles, he also died on the first day of the Somme, 1 July 1916, aged 20 years. He is remembered with honour at Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France.

COCHRANE, JOSEPH MAXWELL (c.1884-1916)

Rifleman Joseph Maxwell Cochrane, a native of Belfast, was a son of George and Mary Maxwell. Prior to the war he was well-known in Belfast as a footballer and cricketer.¹⁹⁴ He resided with his father at 139, Rugby Avenue, Belfast.¹⁹⁵ Serving with the 14th Bn., Royal Irish Rifles, service number 14229, he died on 2 July 1916, age 32 years. He is remembered with honour at Puchevillers British Cemetery, Somme, France.

¹⁸⁹ Moore, Steven. *The Irish on the Somme. A battlefield guide to the Irish Regiments in the Great War and the monuments to their memory* (Newtownards, 2016), p. 128.

¹⁹⁰ *The Irish Times*, 7 April 1917, p. 3.

¹⁹¹ *The Belfast Newsletter*, 11 July 1916, p. 8.

¹⁹² *The Irish Times*, 1 August 1911, p. 8; *Freeman's Journal*, 12 July 1916, p. 3.

¹⁹³ Hiles, *Senior Cricket in Ulster*, p. 96.

¹⁹⁴ *Irish Independent*, 27 February 1917, p. 5.

¹⁹⁵ *The Northern Whig*, 24 February 1917.

KELLY, CHARLES PATRICK (c.1890-1916)

Lieutenant Charles Patrick Kelly was the third son of Mr and Mrs T.P. Kelly, 63 Northumberland Road, Dublin. He was educated at Woburn Park, Weybridge, Surrey and Trinity College, Dublin.¹⁹⁶ He went to France with the 96th Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps. He played for a few different cricket team selections between 1910 and 1912 while attending Dublin University.¹⁹⁷ He was on the Long Vacation XI in 1910 and 1911; J.R. Shaw's XI in 1910; Medical School XI in 1911 and 1912; and Mr. Fennell's XI in 1911; Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital XI in 1912; the first XI in 1911 and the second XI in 1911 and 1912. He died on 2 July 1916, during the early stages of the Battle of the Somme, aged 26 years. He is remembered with honour at Dive Copse British Cemetery, Sailly-Le-Sec, Somme, France.

HAY, JAMES LYLE (1896-1916)

Second Lieutenant James Lyle Hay was born in 1896, the only son of William L. And Mary Mitchell (*née* McKersie), Clonbrock Demesne, Ballinasloe and Grange, County Galway. His parents were originally from Belfast but his father came to work on Clonbrock Demesne as a steward for Lord and Lady Clonbrock. James was educated at Galway Grammar School. After this he attended University College Galway where he studied in the engineering department. He played cricket for the University XI, in 1914, featuring in a match against his former school, Galway Grammar School.¹⁹⁸ He was in his second year when the war broke out and was among the first to volunteer for the new army. He received a commission in the 15th Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers, but was subsequently transferred to the 12th, and sent to France in October 1915. Since then he had been in active service, with the exception of a few days' leave. In the words of the Captain of his company: "He met his death gloriously, leading his platoon in an attack on a wood which was finally captured".¹⁹⁹ Second Lieutenant Hay was killed in action on July 3, 1916, aged 20 years. He is remembered with honour at Gordon Dump Cemetery, Ovillers La Boisselle, Somme, France.

GREER, DONALD ALISTER (c.1895-1916)

Lieutenant Donald Alister Greer was a son of Henry Francis and M.E. Greer, Glenbarr, Palmerstown Road, Dublin and Bernagh House, Dungannon, Co. Tyrone. He was educated at Castle Park, Dalkey, Co. Dublin and Tonbridge School, Kent, where he was captain of the swimming club and senior league cricket team. He was also on the rugby first XV.²⁰⁰ He subsequently attended Trinity College Dublin. In August 1914 he received a cadetship into Sandhurst and passed out in December 1914 when he was gazetted to the Connaught Rangers. He was later promoted to Lieutenant and Adjutant. In May 1915 he joined his battalion in France

¹⁹⁶ Casey, Cullen and Duignan. *Irish Doctors*, p. 348.

¹⁹⁷ Information based on a database of Dublin University cricket players compiled by David Penney.

¹⁹⁸ *Connaught Tribune*, 13 June 1914, p. 4.

¹⁹⁹ Our Heroes website. Online: <http://ourheroes.southdublinlibraries.ie/ga/node/16827> (accessed 20 November 2015)

²⁰⁰ *The Irish Times*, 19 July 1916, p. 6.

and was engaged in warfare in the trenches until December of that year when his battalion was ordered to Mesopotamia. He died on 12 July 1916, aged 21 years. He is remembered with honour at Amara War Cemetery, Iraq.

FINLAY, ROBERT ALEXANDER (c.1893-1916)

Lieutenant Robert Alexander Finlay was the youngest of three sons born to Colonel and Mrs Henry Thomas Finlay, Corkagh House, Clondalkin, Co. Dublin. He attended St. Columba's College, Dublin. While attending school he played cricket for the Columba first XI.²⁰¹ During the war in Europe he saw action with the 5th Battalion, Royal Dublin Fusiliers, having joined the battalion in June, 1913. He was attached to the 1st Battalion Royal Irish Rifles on March 18th, 1915. He was fatally wounded during an attack on the German trenches in Flanders on May 9th, 1915, aged 22 years. Lieutenant Finlay's other two brothers also died while on active service. Francis was killed in the South African Wars and George was killed during the Great War, on 14 July 1916. Lieut. Robert A. Finlay is remembered with honour on the War Memorial at St. Columba's College, Dublin 16. He is also remembered with honour at Ploegsteert Memorial, Hainaut, Belgium.

HODGES, ERIC COLPOYS (?-1916)

Lieutenant Eric Colpoys Hodges was the third son of Rev. Richard James and Marion Josephine Hodges, Rathbarry, Clonakilty, Co. Cork. His father was a local Church of Ireland Rector. He subsequently became Rector of Youghal. Eric was educated at Cork Grammar School and Bishop Foy's School, Waterford.²⁰² He received a Commission in the 5th Battalion Royal Munster Fusiliers and was gazetted Second Lieutenant, 14 August 1914, at the age of just 16 years and ten months. After serving five months in the Battalion he was selected by the Army Council for admission to a cadetship at the Royal Military College without certificate – a privilege granted to a limited number of officers in the Special reserve at the time. On passing out at Sandhurst he was gazetted to the 2nd Battalion of the Royal Irish Regiment. He also acted as Instructor in the officers' camp at Ballykinlear. He was a keen cricketer and footballer.²⁰³ His brother, Lieutenant R. Hodges, serving with the 1st Royal Munster Fusiliers, was wounded at the front. Eric's first cousin, Harold Henry Hodges, was also a casualty of the war. He was a Second Lieutenant with the 7th Battalion, Leinster Regiment. He was killed in action on 13 July 1916, aged 21 years, two days prior to the death of Eric.²⁰⁴ Lieutenant Eric C. Hodges was killed in action on 15 July 1916, aged 18 years. He is remembered with honour at Heilly Station Cemetery, Mericourt-l'Abbe, Somme, France.

²⁰¹ *The Irish Times*, 28 June 1909, p. 4.

²⁰² *The Irish Times*, 19 July 1916, p. 6.

²⁰³ *Irish Examiner*, 19 July 1916, p. 4.

²⁰⁴ *Midland Counties Advertiser*, 20 July 1916, p. 3.

DEANE, ARTHUR DENMAN (?-1916)

Second Lieutenant Arthur Denman Deane was a son of Mr and Mrs J.F. Deane, Knockdene Park, Belfast. He was educated at Royal Belfast Academical Institution and while attending school there he played cricket for the 1st XI in 1908.²⁰⁵ On finishing his education he served his apprenticeship in the engineering department of Messrs Workman, Clark and Company's shipyard. He was a playing member of Knock Rugby Club.²⁰⁶ He enlisted in the army, during the early part of the war, as a motor dispatch rider, and on 9 May 1915 he was gazetted to the rank of Second Lieutenant in the Royal Irish Regiment.²⁰⁷ Serving with the 1st Battalion, attached to the 2nd Battalion, Royal Irish Regiment he was killed in action on 14 July 1916, aged 24 years. He is remembered with honour at Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France. He is also commemorated on the war memorial in the Common Hall at the R.B.A.I.

OSBORNE, HUGH CORRY (1896-1916)

Second Lieutenant Hugh Corry Osborne was born on 20 May 1896, a son of Mr and Mrs Joseph Osborne, 4 Hopefield Terrace, Antrim Road, Belfast. Hugh was educated at the Royal Belfast Academical Institution. While attending there he played on the cricket 1st XI in 1912 and 1913.²⁰⁸ 'After attending Inst, he was a member of the Queen's University Officer Training Corps, and had worked as a chartered accountant in his father's business, Osborne Cook and Company, in the Scottish Provident Buildings.'²⁰⁹ During the Great War he fought with the 12th Battalion, West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales's Own). He was yet another son of Ulster who died on the Somme, when he was killed on 23 July 1916, age 20 years. He had only been at the front for two months. He is remembered with honour at Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France. He is also remembered on the War Memorial in the R.B.A.I. Common Hall.

BURROWES, HAMILTON HUGH (?-1916)

Hamilton Hugh Burrowes was very popular among all classes of the community in Lisburn. He served his apprenticeship with Mr John S Anderson, The Medical Hall, Lisburn, and was an enthusiastic member of the Lisnagarvey Hockey Club and of the Lisburn Cricket Club, and also belonged to the local Masonic Lodge.²¹⁰ He emigrated to South Africa about six years ago, and on the outbreak of the present war volunteered for active service. He took part in the German South West Africa campaign under General Botha, being first attached to the South African Veterinary Corps and afterwards with the South African Mounted Rifles. At the victorious conclusion of that campaign he returned to Johannesburg and had re-entered into business. His brother, Trooper Jack Burrowes, also served in German South West in the Imperial Light Horse, and is now in German East Africa with the 14th South Africa Horse under General Smuts.

²⁰⁵ My thanks to Dr Murray Power for this information.

²⁰⁶ *Northern Whig*, 19 July 1916, p. 8.

²⁰⁷ *The Belfast Newsletter*, 19 July 1916, p. 8.

²⁰⁸ My thanks to Dr Murray Power for this information.

²⁰⁹ Inst in the Great War. Online <http://www.instgreatwar.com/page23.htm> (accessed 29 October 2018)

²¹⁰ Friends of the Somme. Mid Ulster Branch. Online: <http://www.dungannonwardead.com/person.asp?casualtyid=913> (accessed: 13 September 2017)

He died on 25 July 1916 as a result of an accident. It is unknown if he was in the military at the time of his death as he is not recorded on the CWGC listings. Neither is he recorded on the Dungannon war memorial, though his brother John 'Jack' Burrowes is.

JACKSON, GEORGE (c.1893-1916)

Private George Jackson was a son of William and Jane Jackson, 28, South Parade, Belfast, Co. Antrim. He was educated at the Royal Belfast Academical Institution. He played on the 1st XI cricket team at Inst, in 1910.²¹¹ He was also a member of Ulster CC.²¹² Serving with the 23rd Battalion, Royal Fusiliers, he died four days before his brother Balfour, on 27 July 1916, aged 23 years. He is remembered with honour at Sucrerie Military Cemetery, Colincamps, Somme, France. He is also commemorated on the war memorial in the Common Hall at the R.B.A.I.

JACKSON, BALFOUR (c.1892-1916)

Private Balfour Jackson was a son of William and Jane Jackson, 28 South Parade, Belfast, Co. Antrim. He was educated at the Royal Belfast Academical Institution. 'He was a member of the Ulster Cricket Club and played rugby for the Knock club'.²¹³ He was with the 24th Battalion, Royal Fusiliers. He died on 31 July 1916, aged 24 years. He is remembered with honour at Thiépval Memorial, Somme, France. He is also commemorated on the war memorial in the Common Hall at the R.B.A.I.

TYNDALL, WILLIAM ERNEST MARRIOTT (1875-1916)

Lieutenant-Colonel William Ernest Marriott Tyndall was the husband of Alice Lorna Tyndall. A keen cricketer, during his stay as Brigade Master in Belfast he regularly turned out for Cliftonville CC.²¹⁴ From 1891 to 1893 he was in the Bradfield XI, captaining the side in the latter year.²¹⁵ He also played for the Free Foresters in India. He played an important part in the capture and holding of Hill 60, in 1915, where he 'was the life of the whole show. When the men wavered he called to them, and they all followed like one man'.²¹⁶ He was with the 2nd Battalion, Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment) when he died on 1 August 1916, aged 41 years. Lieut-Colonel William E.M. Tyndall is remembered with honour at Brookwood Cemetery, Surrey, England.

COOKE, HENRY FREDERICK (1885-1916)

Second Lieutenant Henry Frederick Cooke, born 2 August 1885, the fourth son of Rev. Caesar Sutton and Elizabeth Maria Cooke. They resided at Beakstown, Thurles, Co. Tipperary. His father died on 10 June 1900, and at the time of his death was Canon of Kilbraugh. He had also served for twenty-two years as Rector of Thurles parish. Henry and his brother, George Leonard,

²¹¹ My thanks to Dr Murray Power for this information.

²¹² Inst in the Great War. Online: <http://www.instgreatwar.com/page14.htm> (accessed 30 March 2015)

²¹³ Inst in the Great War. Online: <http://www.instgreatwar.com/page14.htm> (accessed 30 March 2015)

²¹⁴ *Belfast Newsletter*, 3 December 1914.

²¹⁵ Renshaw. *Wisden on the Great War*, p. 286.

²¹⁶ *Belfast Newsletter*, 28 April 1915, p. 12.

attended school at Campbell College, Belfast, which Henry attended from November 1898 to December 1902. Henry's school number was 450. He was on the rugby first XV from 1901-1903. He played on the cricket first XI in 1901-1902. During the summer of 1901 one of Henry's sisters, Grace, organised her own cricket eleven and she took her team to Clonoulty to play against Miss O'Flaherty's eleven at the local rectory.²¹⁷ At this time it was not uncommon in Tipperary for mixed elevens to appear on the cricket field. The cricket was not of a high standard, though Henry top scored with thirteen runs.

Following his school career he was a mine manager at Jumpers Deep Mine, Cleveland, Johannesburg, South Africa. In relation to his military service he was with the Transvaal Mounted Rifles 1906, during the Zulu Rebellion. He later saw action with the Rhodesian Regiment in German South West Africa, 1914-1915. During the Great War he was a Second Lieutenant 5th attached to 7th Battalion Royal Sussex Regiment. Mentioned in Despatches, he met his death on 4 August 1916, near Pozieres, France, aged 31 years.²¹⁸ He is remembered with honour at Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France, and in St. Mary's Church, Thurles, Co. Tipperary.

O'BRIEN, TIMOTHY JOHN ALOYSIUS (c.1892-1916)

Lieutenant Timothy J.A. O'Brien was the eldest son of Sir Timothy O'Brien, Bart., and a nephew of Mr. J.G. O'Brien, Lakefield, Fethard, Co. Tipperary. Stationed in Newbridge Artillery Barracks, the young Lieutenant was with the 27th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery when hostilities broke out in Europe. Leaving Newbridge, he was with the first contingent at Mons, and having survived numerous engagements there he was killed by shell fire on 7 August 1916. Like his father, Sir Timothy O'Brien, Lieutenant O'Brien was an excellent horseman and he was also a keen cricketer, featuring on the I Zingari XI and the Free Foresters CC.²¹⁹ At school he had played for the Beaumont College XI.²²⁰ He was a good all-round sportsman.²²¹ He was 24 years old when he was killed by shell fire on 7 August 1916. Lieutenant Timothy J.A. O'Brien is remembered with honour at the Quarry Cemetery, Montauban, France.

LE PETON, DESMOND ALEXANDER (c.1897-1916)

Second Lieutenant Desmond Alexander Le Peton was a son of Alfred Edward and Rose Le Peton, Earlsfort House School, 3 and 4, Earlsfort Place, Dublin. He was a member of the Phoenix CC. In the 1913 season he had a batting average of 19.60 from six innings.²²² He served with the 1st Battalion, Somerset Light Infantry. He died on 9 August 1916, aged 19 years. He is remembered with honour at Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

²¹⁷ *Clonmel Chronicle*, 25 September 1901, p. 3.

²¹⁸ Keith Haines, personal communication. 9 March 2015.

²¹⁹ *Irish Examiner*, 18 August 1916, p. 3.

²²⁰ Renshaw. *Wisden on the Great War*, p. 265.

²²¹ *Clonmel Chronicle*, 16 August 1916, p. 5.

²²² *The Irish Times*, 23 September 1913, p. 4.

SWAN, RICHARD SEALY (c.1876-1916)

Sergeant Richard Sealy Swan was a son of Thomas E. and Emily F. Swan, Rathmines, Co. Dublin. His family had been employees or tenants on the estate of Richard Prior-Wandesforde, Castlecomer, Co. Kilkenny.²²³ He was educated at High School, Dublin. Richard, or Dickie as he was known, played cricket with the Castlecomer Club, featuring on the team in 1909.²²⁴ In 1911 he was boarding at 17 Upper Beechwood Avenue, Rathmines, Co. Dublin. He was employed as a clerk in a biscuit factory.²²⁵ He was subsequently a clerk in the Bank of Ireland, Dublin. He was a member of the Lansdowne RFC first XV, Mount Temple Tennis Club and Rathfarnham Golf Club.²²⁶ When the war started he enlisted with the 7th Battalion, Royal Dublin Fusiliers, his service number being 14221. He disembarked at Suvla Bay, Gallipoli on 9 August 1915. He was subsequently redeployed with his battalion to Salonika in October 1915.²²⁷ He died of Typhoid fever on 15 August 1916, aged 41 years. He is remembered with honour at Salonika (Lembet Road) Military Cemetery, Greece.

WHITLEY, WILLIAM GEORGE (c.1894-1916)

Second Lieutenant William George Whitley was the eldest son of Henry T. and Annie Whitley, of "Florida," Ardenlee Parade, Belfast. The family had lived at Cumberland Street, Belfast in 1901. Henry was employed as a printer's compositor. William George was an active member of Cregagh Cricket Club, Belfast prior to the war.²²⁸ Serving with the 13th Battalion, The King's (Liverpool Regiment) he died on 16 August 1916, aged 22 years. 2nd Lieut. Whitley is remembered with honour at Guillemont Road Cemetery, Guillemont, Somme, France. He is also commemorated on the war memorial at Queen's University, Belfast.

MACNAMARA, GEORGE FREDERICK (c.1893-1916)

Second Lieutenant George Frederick MacNamara was born in June 1893, a son of Richard and Mary MacNamara, 10 Fitzwilliam Place, Dublin. He was educated at Oratory School, Edgbaston, Birmingham. He achieved a Bachelor of Arts, with honours, at New College Oxford. While attending there he was a university football Blue.²²⁹ A member of Leinster Cricket Club, he played one match for Ireland against Scotland, 10 July 1913.²³⁰ During the war he saw service with the 8th Battalion Royal Irish Fusiliers. He died on 17 August 1916, aged 23 years. Second Lieutenant George Frederick MacNamara is remembered with honour at Philosophe British Cemetery, Mazingarbe, Pas de Calais, France.

²²³ Brannigan and Kirwan. *Kilkenny Families in the Great War*, p. 491.

²²⁴ *The Irish Times*, 4 August 1911, p. 8.

²²⁵ Brannigan and Kirwan. *Kilkenny Families in the Great War*, p. 491.

²²⁶ Hanna, Henry. *The Pal's at Suvla Bay* (Dublin, 1916).

²²⁷ Brannigan and Kirwan. *Kilkenny Families in the Great War*, p. 491.

²²⁸ *Cregagh Cricket Club 100 not out* p. 39.

²²⁹ *Irish Independent*, 24 August 1916, p. 2.

²³⁰ Liddle, Edward. 'George Frederick MacNamara' CricketEurope Ireland website Online:

<https://www.cricketeurope.com/DATABASE/ARTICLESHISTORY/articles/000003/000346.shtml> (Accessed 31 July 2018).

EKIN, FREDERICK WILLIAM (?-1916)

Private Frederick William Ekin was the eldest son of Mr and Mrs John Ekin, Clarnico, Ashley Gardens, Belfast. He was educated at Royal Belfast Academical Institution. He played on the cricket 1st XI in 1909.²³¹ He joined the army shortly after the outbreak of war, from the business of his father, who was a partner in the firm of Ekin and Prenter, Waring Street, Belfast.²³²

Serving with the Royal Fusiliers, service number 4795, he was wounded and transferred to Bangour War Hospital, Edinburgh, where he died on Friday 18 August 1916. He is remembered with honour at Belfast City Cemetery. He is also commemorated on the war memorial in the Common Hall at the R.B.A.I.

O'NEILL, J.D. (c1882-1916)

Second Lieutenant J.D. O'Neill was educated at St. Mary's College, Rathmines, and the Catholic University School, Dublin. He accepted a commission in the Munster Fusiliers in December 1915. He followed this up with a course of training at the Curragh, Co. Kildare, Fermoy, Co. Cork and Elm Park, Merrion, Dublin. He was with the 5th Battalion, attached to the 2nd Battalion, Royal Munster Fusiliers when he was another casualty at the Somme, killed on 24 August 1916, aged 34 years. He took a prominent part in charitable affairs and was well known in cricket and football circles.²³³ He is remembered with honour on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France.

GRANT, STANLEY CHADWICK (1894-1916)

Second Lieutenant Stanley Chadwick Grant was the only son of the late Mr. T. Grant and Mrs. E.F. Elsey, 1 Molesworth Street, Dublin.²³⁴ He was a former pupil of St. Andrew's College, Dublin. He was well known in the junior football and cricket teams.²³⁵ He enlisted at the outbreak of the war and obtained his commission in May 1915.²³⁶ Serving with the Royal Irish Regiment, he was killed in action on his 22nd birthday, 3 September 1916. He is remembered with honour at Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France.

CROWE, CECIL ALEXANDER (c.1890-1916)

Second Lieutenant Cecil Alexander Crowe was a son of Thomas and Jennie Crowe, of Drumday House, Enniskillen, Co. Fermanagh. He was 'a fine sportsman and a well known rugby and cricket player'.²³⁷ He saw service in Europe with the "D" Company, 7th Battalion, Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. He died on 9 September 1916, aged 26 years. He is remembered with honour at Delville Wood Cemetery, Longueval, Somme, France.

²³¹ My thanks to Dr Murray Power for this information.

²³² *Northern Whig*, 21 August 1916, p. 8.

²³³ *Freeman's Journal*, 30 August 1916, p. 7.

²³⁴ *Irish Independent*, 9 September 1916, p. 2.

²³⁵ Our Heroes website. <http://ourheroes.southdublinlibraries.ie/node/17003> (accessed 30 March 2015)

²³⁶ *Weekly Irish Times*, 21 October 1916, p. 3.

²³⁷ Our Heroes website. <http://ourheroes.southdublinlibraries.ie/node/16994> (accessed 30 March 2015)

DINAN, GEORGE ALBERT (1891-1916)

Second Lieutenant George Albert Dinan was the fourth son of John and Kathleen Dinan, Knockeven, Rushbrook, Cobh, Co. Cork. He was born in April 1891. He was educated at the Benedictine College, Ramsgate, and was later a student at University College Cork (UCC) and Guy's Hospital, London. He played cricket for both UCC and Guy's Hospital.²³⁸ He received his commission in January 1916, and was well known in the local cricket circuit.²³⁹ George was gazetted to the Royal Dublin Fusiliers. He was killed in action at the Somme, on 9 September 1916, aged 25 years.²⁴⁰ Two of his brothers, Francis Arthur and Frederick Charles also died in the war.²⁴¹ He is remembered with honour on the Thiepval Memorial, at the Somme, France.

FOLEY, THOMAS WILLIAM WINSPERE (c.1882-1916)

Lieutenant Thomas William Winspere Foley was a son of Mr. and Mrs. William Malcolm and Elizabeth Foley, Drumcar Rectory, Dunleer, County Louth. He was married to Zelig Louise Elisabeth Foley, Hazelgrove, Saltburn-by-the-Sea, Yorkshire. He was on the Nomads cricket XI at Dublin University in 1882.²⁴² He was with the 3rd Battalion, attached to the 7th Battalion, Leinster Regiment when he died on 9 September 1916, aged 34 years. He is remembered with honour on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France.

HACKETT, ERIC ADRIAN NETHERCOTE (1895-1916)

Second Lieutenant Eric Adrian Nethercote Hackett was born on 6 August 1895, and educated at All Hallows School, Honiton, Devon. While at All Hallows Eric played on the cricket XI.²⁴³ He was a son of Edward Augustus and Emille Elliott Hackett, Castletown, Ballycumber, Co. Offaly, and Clonmel, Co. Tipperary. Edward Hackett was a civil engineer and Co. Surveyor for south Tipperary. Eric gained the rank of Lieutenant in the Royal Irish Regiment. He was killed on 9 September 1916, at the taking of Ginchy, aged 21 years. In a letter from Major W. Redmond informed Eric's parents that he 'was near the Colonel at the time, who was also killed. Your son was with me the day before, as bright and as brave as ever'.²⁴⁴ He was posthumously awarded the Irish Brigade Certificate for gallantry. He is commemorated on the Great War memorial in Old St. Mary's Church, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary. He is also remembered with honour on the Thiepval Memorial, at the Somme, France. His brother Captain Learo A.H. Hackett also died in the War, just over one and a half years later.

²³⁸ Renshaw. *Wisden on the Great War*, p. 220.

²³⁹ *Irish Examiner*, 20 September 1916, p. 4.

²⁴⁰ *Freeman's Journal*, 22 September 1916, p. 2.

²⁴¹ White, Gerry and O'Shea, Brendan (eds). *A Great Sacrifice. Cork Servicemen who died in the Great War* (Cork, 2010), p. 236.

²⁴² Information based on a database of Dublin University cricket players compiled by David Penney.

²⁴³ Renshaw. *Wisden on the Great War*, p. 230.

²⁴⁴ *Clonmel Chronicle*, 16 September 1918, p. 5.

KETTLE, THOMAS MICHAEL (1880-1916)

Lieutenant Thomas Michael Kettle was born on 9 February 1880 the third son of Andrew J. and Margaret (*née* McCourt) Kettle, Artane, Co. Dublin.²⁴⁵ The family later lived at Newtown, St. Margaret's, Co. Dublin. He attended the O'Connell School, North Richmond Street, Dublin, which was run by the Christian Brothers and Clongowes Wood College, Co. Kildare, which was under the guidance of the Jesuit Fathers.²⁴⁶ While attending Clongowes (1894-97) he was devoted to cricket. 'He had good hands but came to it too late to become a really good player'.²⁴⁷ He also played rugby and soccer there. He was married to Mary Sheehy in the Pro-Cathedral, Dublin in 1909. He was a Member of Parliament for East Tyrone, and the Professor of National Economics at University College, Dublin. He was killed at the Battle of the Somme while serving with 9th Battalion, Royal Dublin Fusiliers. A war poet, his *Poems and Parodies* was published in 1916.²⁴⁸ He died on 9 September 1916, aged 36 years. Lieutenant Thomas M. Kettle is remembered with honour at the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France. He is also commemorated with a bust and plinth memorial at St. Stephen's Green, Dublin

MURPHY, WILLIAM JOSEPH (c.1880-1916)

Captain William Joseph Murphy was a son of Edward and Mary Murphy, Tullow, Co. Carlow. He was educated at Clongowes Wood College. He was a keen footballer, cricketer and golfer, and a well known figure with the Carlow and Island Hounds.²⁴⁹ He joined the Cadet Corps, Leinster Regiment in November 1914. He was appointed Lieutenant to the Royal Dublin Fusiliers in December 1914. He was promoted to the rank of Captain in March 1915. Serving with the 9th Battalion, he was mentioned in Despatches. He died on 9 September 1916, aged 36 years. He is remembered with honour at Guillemont Road Cemetery, Guillemont, Somme, France.

SCOTT, ROBERT HENRY (c.1874-1916)

Private Robert Henry Scott was born in Belfast, a son of William and Matilda Scott, McKee's Terrace, Dungannon, County Tyrone. He attended Drumglass National School. He took his degree in the Royal University of Ireland (R.U.I.) while principal of Andersonstown National School, Belfast. Robert moved to England, where he taught in schools in Ramsgate and Winchester. During his holidays he returned home and played for the Dungannon Cricket Club.²⁵⁰ He subsequently emigrated to Canada, where he became a law student. He joined the Canadian army at the outbreak of war. He crossed to the front in June 1915 and served with the

²⁴⁵ Lyons, J.B. *The Enigma of Tom Kettle. Irish Patriot, Essayist, Poet, British Soldier 1880-1916* (Dublin, 1983), p. 17.

²⁴⁶ Lyons. *The Enigma of Tom Kettle*, pp 19-20.

²⁴⁷ Lyons. *The Enigma of Tom Kettle*, p. 24.

²⁴⁸ Quinn. *Wigs and Guns*, p. 97.

²⁴⁹ *Kildare Observer*, 30 September 1916, p. 8.

²⁵⁰ Dungannon War Dead Database website. Online:

<http://www.dungannonwardead.com/person.asp?casualtyid=944> (accessed 23 November 2015)

28th Battalion, Canadian Infantry.²⁵¹ His service number was 74281. He was killed on September 15, 1916, aged 42 years. Private Robert H. Scott is remembered with honour at Vimy Memorial, Pas de Calais, France.

MALCOLMSON, HUBERT (c.1890-1916)

Lieutenant and Adjutant Hubert Malcolmson was the second son of William and Adelina Malcolmson, Mayfield, Portlaw, Co. Waterford.²⁵² He was educated at Clifton College. He subsequently graduated from Pembroke College, Cambridge in 1912, with honours in mechanical sciences. He did not play cricket while at Clifton but he was on the cricket XI while attending Pembroke College.²⁵³ While in Cambridge he captained Pembroke RFC. He also played for Greenock Wanderers. He had been with Scott's Shipbuilding Company, Greenock until the outbreak of the war.²⁵⁴ He served with the 6th Battalion, Royal Irish Regiment. He died in Manchester hospital, on 16 September 1916, of wounds received in action. He was interred in the Friend's Burial Ground, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary, Ireland. This was the first military funeral to this cemetery, where he is remembered with honour.²⁵⁵

DRAKE, JAMES EDGAR (c.1893-1916)

Private James Edgar Drake was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel B. Drake, Mill Street, Comber, Co. Down. He was another member of North Down CC to die in the war.²⁵⁶ His service number was 151617. He served with the 43rd Battalion, Canadian Infantry. He was killed on 21 September 1916, aged 23 years. He is remembered with honour at Courcellette British Cemetery, Somme, France.

PARKINSON, HENRY VOERING (c.1875-1916)

Corporal Henry V Parkinson was another playing member of the North of Ireland CC who died in the war.²⁵⁷ Well known in cricket circles in Dublin and Belfast, he came to Belfast with Judge Shaw and became a member of the North of Ireland CC.²⁵⁸ He was a member of the Ulster Volunteer Force and the Masonic Order. After leaving Belfast he carried on business at Wentworth Place, Dublin and subsequently joined the army. He was a member of Leinster CC. He was husband to Mary N. Botterill (formerly Parkinson,) of Welton Manor, Louth, Lincolnshire. His service number was 163476 and he was with the 12th Labour Company, Royal Engineers when he died from dysentery at Salonica, on 21 September 1916 age 41 years.. He is remembered with honour Salonika (Lembet Road) Military Cemetery, Greece. He is also

²⁵¹ Friends of the Somme. Mid Ulster Branch. Online:

http://www.dungannonwardead.com/persondepth.asp?cas_id=944 (accessed: 13 September 2017)

²⁵² *Clonmel Chronicle*, 23 September 1916, p. 5.

²⁵³ Renshaw. *Wisden on the Great War*, p. 255.

²⁵⁴ *Clonmel Chronicle*, 16 September 1916, p. 5.

²⁵⁵ *Clonmel Chronicle*, 23 September 1916, p. 5.

²⁵⁶ Hiles, *Senior Cricket in Ulster*, p. 96.

²⁵⁷ *The Irish Times*, 29 May 1911, p. 4.

²⁵⁸ *The Belfast Newsletter*, 6 October 1916, p. 10.

commemorated on the North of Ireland CC war memorial, which was erected at the club grounds at Ormeau, Belfast.

GROSER, A.H. (?-1916)

Second Lieutenant A.H. Groser was another member of the Clontarf Cricket Club to die in the war. During 1912 he featured on the Clontarf XI, alongside Louie Herbert who also died in the war.²⁵⁹ Sec. Lieut. Groser served with the 3rd Battalion, attached to 1st Battalion, Royal Welsh Fusiliers. He died on 22 September 1916. He is remembered with honour at Berks Cemetery Extension, Hainaut, Belgium.

DRUMMOND, DAVID (c.1883-1916)

Sergeant David Drummond was a son of David and Eliza Drummond, of Murray Road, New Scone, Perth, Scotland. He was a native of Guildtown, Perth. While living in Dublin he played on Merrion CC first and second XI teams from 1909 to 1914.²⁶⁰ He fought with the 7th Battalion, Royal Dublin Fusiliers. He was killed in Macedonia on 23 September 1916, aged 33 years. He is remembered with honour at Struma Military Cemetery, Greece.

GALWAY, JAMES LEATHEM (c.1896-1916)

Private James Leathem Galway Jnr. was a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Galway, of Ballinavally, Neills Hill, Belfast. He was educated at the Royal Belfast Academical Institution. He was a member of North Down CC.²⁶¹ His service number was 101545 and he served with the 31st Battalion Canadian Infantry. He died of wounds received in battle on 25 September 1916, aged 20 years. He is remembered with honour at Boulogne Eastern Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France. He is also commemorated on the war memorial in the Common Hall at the R.B.A.I.

CLARKE, JOHN (1888-1916)

Private John Clarke was born on 4 September 1888, the elder son of Mr and Mrs John Clarke, 15 Upper Crescent, Belfast. John was educated at Royal Belfast Academical Institution. He played on the cricket 1st XI in 1904.²⁶² The 'Inst' website notes that 'at the time of his enlistment, in Calgary, Canada, on 6 December 1915, his trade was given as that of a 'fitter'. Serving with the 10th Battalion Canadian Infantry (Alberta Regiment), service number 16113, Private John Clarke was killed as part of the Canadian Corps assault on Hessian and Zollem trenches, between Thiépval and Courcellete on 26 September 1916.²⁶³ He was 28 years old. He is buried in Pozieres British Cemetery, Ovillers La Boisselle, Somme, France, where he is remembered with honour. He is also commemorated on the war memorial in the Common Hall at the R.B.A.I.

²⁵⁹ *The Irish Times*, 26 August 1912, p. 11.

²⁶⁰ Little and Parkinson. *Merrion*, p. 31.

²⁶¹ Shields, W. Ian. *One Shot More...For the Honour of Down. A History of North Down Cricket Club 1857-2007* (Comber, 2007), p. 48.

²⁶² My thanks to Dr Murray Power for this information.

²⁶³ Inst in the Great War. Online: <http://www.instgreatwar.com/page7.htm> (accessed 5 November 2018)

FISHBOURNE, CHARLES EDWARD (1869-1916)

Lieutenant Colonel Charles Edward Fishbourne was born 14 February 1869, a son of Joseph and Marianne Sidney (*née* Humfrey) Fishbourne, Ashfield Hall, Co. Laois. He was married to Elizabeth Leslie, Cole Allen, Cowden, Edenbridge, Kent. He attended Oakham School from 1879 to 1886. He was in the Oakham School XI.²⁶⁴ He later studied at Trinity College Dublin. He played for the Dublin University cricket second XI in 1882. In 1883 he had progressed to the first XI, though he did still appear on the second XI.²⁶⁵ His military career also saw him continue his cricket playing. He took part in a lot of cricket military matches. He was with the 1st Battalion, Commanding 8th Battalion, Northumberland Fusiliers. He died on 6 October 1916, aged 47 years. He is remembered with honour at St. Sever Cemetery, Rouen, Seine-Maritime, France.

CONSIDINE, HEFFERNAN JAMES (1883-1916)

Captain Heffernan James Considine was the eldest son of Sir Heffernan Considine C.B., M.V.O., D.L. and Emily Mary (*née* Talbot) Considine, Derk, Pallasgreen, Co. Limerick. He was born on 3 October 1883. From the age of four his family resided at Newpark, Kilkenny where his father was stationed with the Royal Irish Constabulary as a Resident Magistrate.²⁶⁶ He was educated at Beaumont College, Old Windsor where he was captain of the cricket and football XI.²⁶⁷ He also was a keen rower. Attached to the Royal Irish Regiment he was awarded the Military Cross ‘for conspicuous gallantry in action. He handled his company with great courage and skill, maintaining his position under intense fire for forty-eight hours’.²⁶⁸ He was killed in action on the morning of 27 October 1916, after just rejoining his battalion from hospital where he was recovering from a severe attack of trench fever, and also damage to his ears, the result of being completely covered by debris from shell fire. He was 33 years old. Captain Heffernan J. Considine is remembered with honour at Kemmel Chateau Military Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

Three of his brothers also fought during the war. Christopher Daniel served with the 2nd Batt., Royal Dublin Fusiliers. He was killed in action on 25 May 1915. Frank Augustus served with the 2nd Batt., Royal Munster Fusiliers and Talbot John Considine served with the 5th Batt., Royal Dublin Fusiliers.²⁶⁹

DUGGAN, THOMAS ALPHONSUS (? – 1916)

Second Lieutenant Thomas (Tommie) Alphonsus Duggan was a son of Richard and Mary (*née* Shelley) Duggan, William Street, Kilkenny City.²⁷⁰ His father was the owner of the Monster House, a notable department store in the city. Tommie was educated at Clongowes Wood

²⁶⁴ Renshaw. *Wisden on the Great War*, p. 225.

²⁶⁵ Information based on a database of Dublin University cricket players compiled by David Penney.

²⁶⁶ Brannigan and Kirwan. *Kilkenny Families in the Great War*, p. 83.

²⁶⁷ Renshaw. *Wisden on the Great War*, p. 215.

²⁶⁸ *The Irish Times*, 4 December 1917, p. 7.

²⁶⁹ Brannigan and Kirwan. *Kilkenny Families in the Great War*, pp 82-3.

²⁷⁰ Brannigan and Kirwan. *Kilkenny Families in the Great War*, p. 132.

College, County Kildare, where he played on the cricket XI in 1911 and 1912, playing in the annual fixtures against Phoenix CC and Co. Kildare CC.²⁷¹ He left school in 1913. His father, who was a staunch nationalist, strongly objected to Tommie's army career. Tommie was commissioned in March 1915 and he left for training in Devon, England. He was seriously wounded in action on 17 December 1915, receiving a gunshot wound to his head, which resulted in the loss of an eye. However, he later returned to the front with the 7th Battalion, East Lancashire Regiment. However, he was killed in action at the Battle of the Ancre, November 13, 1916. He was buried in Grandcourt Road Cemetery, Somme France, where he is remembered with honour.

LEA, ALBERT VICTOR (?-1916)

Sergeant Albert Victor Lea was a native of Burton-on-Trent, East Staffordshire. His family had a home at Edgeworthstown, Co. Longford. He played with Merrion CC during the 1914 season, but was also very involved in the administrative side of the club.²⁷² When the war commenced in Europe he enlisted and served with the 10th Battalion, Royal Dublin Fusiliers during the Battle of the Somme. His service number was 14186. He fell on 13 November 1916. He is remembered with honour at the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France.

RUSSELL, T.W. (c.1897-1916)

Second Lieutenant T.W. Russell was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wallace Russell. His father was a Member of Parliament for South Tyrone. He was educated at Strangeways School, and Trinity College Dublin. He captained the cricket team while in school.²⁷³ He was an excellent batsman and bowler.²⁷⁴ He obtained his commission in 1915. When gazetted he went to Cork for training.²⁷⁵ Attached to the 10th Battalion Royal Irish Fusiliers he was at the front for only a few months when he was killed on 13 November 1916, aged 19 years. He is remembered with honour at Knightsbridge Cemetery, Mesnil-Martinsart, Somme, France.

CARTER, DESMOND PATRICK WEBB (c.1897-1916)

Lieutenant Desmond Patrick Webb Carter was a son of Major General Sir John and Lady Carter, Malahide, Co. Dublin. Though born in Bedford, England, Lieutenant Carter was educated at the High School, Dublin, from 1908 to 1910. He was a keen cricketer and he also played football. At school he liked maths, though science was his passion.²⁷⁶ He served with the 1st Field Company, Royal Engineers. He died on 12 December, 1916, aged 19 years. He is remembered with honour at Dernancourt Communal Cemetery Extension, Somme, France.

²⁷¹ *The Irish Times*, 26 May 1911, p. 10; *Freemans Journal*, 28 May 1912, p. 4; 20 September 1912, p. 11

²⁷² Little and Parkinson. *Merrion*, p. 32.

²⁷³ *The Irish Times*, 22 November 1916, p. 6.

²⁷⁴ *Irish Independent*, 22 November 1916, p. 2.

²⁷⁵ *Skibbereen Eagle*, 25 November 1916, p. 3.

²⁷⁶ High School Dublin. Online. <http://www.hsdwarstories.com/2014/01/lieutenant-desmond-patrick-webb-carter.html> (accessed 1 September 2015)

WHITESIDE, REGINALD CUTHBERT (1896-1916)

Sub-Lieutenant Reginald Cuthbert Whiteside was born on 19 July 1896, the younger son of Rev. William Copeland Whiteside and Laura Whiteside, of Ballyorgan Rectory, Kilmallock, Co Limerick. He attended school at Campbell College, Belfast from January 1909 to December 1914. While there he was on the rugby 1st XV from 1912-1914. He was captain in the latter year. He was also on the cricket first XI in 1914.²⁷⁷ A Head Prefect, in first eleven he was a lower order batsman. In the 1914 season he had 11 innings for 42 runs (four innings not out), for an average of 6 runs.

His post-education career saw him join the Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank. In 1915 he took a commission in the Royal Naval Division and was attached to the Royal Flying Corps. On 25 October 1916 he became Sub-Lieutenant, 18th Squadron, Royal Flying Corps. He was shot down (in a FE2B, no. A5446) on 20 December 1916 by Manfred von Richthofen (The Red Baron) in the latter's fourteenth 'kill'. He was 21 years of age.

The Red Baron's report concluded that 'Already after the first attack, the enemy motor began to smoke; the observer had been wounded. The plane went down in large curves. I followed and fired at closest range. I had also killed, as was ascertained later on, the pilot ... The plane is lying between Queant and Lagnicourt'.²⁷⁸ His older brother, Gerard Magee Whiteside, was drowned at sea during World War II, on 2 April 1943. Sub-Lieutenant Reginald C. Whiteside is remembered with honour at Arras Flying Services Memorial, Pas de Calais, France.

DAY, FREDERICK WILLIAM (c1854–1916)

Private Frederick William Day was a native of England and he came to Nenagh in the 1870s, where he established a stationery business. He advertised his business as Fred W. Day, Stationer, Librarian, Druggist, & Fancy Warehouseman, 51 Castle St., Nenagh. His father, George Day, lived in Delgany, Co. Wicklow. Fred was an agent for the London and Lancashire Fire Insurance Company. He was subsequently made a Commissioner for Oaths, taking affidavits for the High Court of Justice, and was well known and respected by the commercial and professional people of Nenagh.

He later moved to Peter Street (now Kickham Street), Nenagh. He was married to Matilda, and they had two daughters, the eldest of which, Clara Florence married Philip N. Fogarty, at St. Stephen's Church, Dublin, on 26 February 1913.²⁷⁹ His family connections were widespread. Fred's brother, Harry, died in Brisbane on 12 October 1892. His sister, Alice, died in Southampton on 7 April 1893.²⁸⁰

In Nenagh, Fred established a lending library, with different membership rates applicable, depending on the amount of books which were borrowed. In 1905 he was secretary of the Nenagh Rate Payers Association. He was a ticket agent for operas and concerts, which were held

²⁷⁷ *The Campbellian* Vol. IV, p. 50.

²⁷⁸ Franks, N., Giblin, H. and McCreery, N. *Under the Guns of the Red Baron: the Complete Record of Von Richthofen's Victories and Victims Fully Illustrated* (London, 1995), pp 44-5.

²⁷⁹ *Nenagh News*, 1 Mar. 1913, p. 3.

²⁸⁰ *Nenagh Guardian*, 8 April 1893, p. 3.

in the Town Hall. Socially, he was a member of the Ormond Club. In 1883 he was present at a meeting to establish a cricket club of ‘a respectable character’ in Nenagh.²⁸¹ He played cricket, on an irregular basis, with the Nenagh Institute CC.²⁸² In his business he sold cricket bats, with prices ranging from one shilling to twelve shillings and six pence. He sold wickets for the same prices, and cricket balls ranged from a relatively cheap six pence up to seven shillings and six pence. He also attended a meeting in O’Meara’s Hotel, Nenagh, in September 1906, to revive the Ormond Rugby Football Club.²⁸³



F.W. Day memorial. Pic: author

When hostilities broke out in Europe, Fred was determined to join the 16th Company Royal Army Medical Corps, as a dispenser. He remained in Ireland, working in Cork and Waterford. He took ill, while living in Waterford, and he passed way on 24 December 1916, aged 62 years. His remains were returned to Nenagh by rail, where his coffin was draped in the Union Jack. A short service followed at St. Mary’s Church, and as it was the Christmas season it was impossible to get a military band and firing party together. However, Captain Hickie and Major Fitzgerald ensured that every available soldier was present to ensure that the last respects were paid to Fred Day in a fitting manner. The cortege passed through the town, to the Old Graveyard, on Barrack Street, where he was interred after Canon Thomas had recited the final prayers.²⁸⁴

²⁸¹ *Nenagh Guardian*, 14 April 1883, p. 2.

²⁸² *Clonmel Chronicle*, 21 September 1895, p. 4.

²⁸³ *Nenagh Guardian*, 29 September 1906, p. 3.

²⁸⁴ *Nenagh Guardian*, 30 December 1916, p. 3.

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HAIRE, GEORGE (c.1891-1917)

Lieutenant George Haire was a son of Rev. Canon W. J. and Mary Elizabeth Haire, of Gurteen", Laughton, Lewes. He was born in Co. Sligo. A past pupil of Kin's Hospital, Palmerston, he played for the Dublin University third XI in 1907.¹ He served with the 6th Battalion, Connaught Rangers. He died on 7 January 1917, aged 26 years. His brother Robert Haire also fell in the war. He is remembered with honour at Kemmel Chateau Military Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

COOKE, HANS HENDRICK ANTHONY COOKE (1884-1917)

Captain Hans Hendrick Anthony Cooke was a son of Rev. Edward Alexander and Amy Florence Cooke, Brockham Vicarage, Betchworth, Surrey. He was born at Comragh, Co. Waterford on 24 May 1884. He played for St. John's Leatherhead School XI in 1900-01-02 and was captain for the last two seasons. He also played for Cambridgeshire XI.² He served with the Connaught Rangers. He died on 24 January 1917, aged 33 years. He is remembered with honour at Nairobi British and Indian Memorial, Kenya.

SATCHWELL, RALPH WILLIAM (1896-1917)

Second Lieutenant Ralph William Satchwell was born on 13 May 1896, the third son of Hubert and Anna Satchwell, Mount Mary, Creggs, County Galway. He attended Galway Grammar School, with two of his brothers Robert H. and George F. Satchwell. While at school all three featured on the cricket XI in the first half of 1914, featuring in matches against University College, Galway XI and Tuam CC.³ Playing alongside him in the match against the Collegians was J.F.C. Fogerty, who also fell during war in Europe. Ralph also attended Trinity College, Dublin. Second Lieutenant Satchwell served with 76th Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery in Europe. He died on 31 January, 1917, aged 21 years. He is remembered with honour at Ovillers Military Cemetery, Somme, France.

ANDERSON, ALBERT STEWART (c.1883-1917)

Second Lieutenant Albert Stewart Anderson was the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas and Annie Anderson, 130 High Street, Holywood, County Down. He was educated at Sullivan Schools, Holywood. He later attended Queen's University, Belfast from where he graduated as an engineer. He then became involved with several important contracts in the north of Ireland as an assistant engineer.⁴ He was captain of the Holywood CC. He also played interprovincial rugby for Ulster v. Leinster. In 1914, he was in Canada when war broke out in Europe. In Canada he was engaged in construction work on the Canadian Pacific and Pacific Great Eastern Railways.

¹ Information based on a database of Dublin University cricket players compiled by David Penney.

² Renshaw. *Wisden on the Great War*, p. 317.

³ *Connaught Tribune*, 13 June 1914, p. 4; *Tuam Herald*, 27 June 1914, p. 2.

⁴ *County Down Spectator*, 9 February 1917.

On returning home in late 1915 he joined the Ulster Division, getting his commission through Queen's University Belfast Officer Training Corps.⁵ He was with the 9th Battalion, Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. On 25 January 1917 he was seriously injured by gun-shot wounds received in action and he died on 1 February 1917, aged 34 years.⁶ He is remembered with honour at Bailleul Communal Cemetery Extension, Nord, France. He is also commemorated on the war memorial at Queen's University, Belfast.

GREER, ERIC BERESFORD (c.1889-1917)

Lieutenant Colonel Eric Beresford Greer M.C. was the eldest son of Captain Joseph Henry Greer, Grange, Moy, Co. Tyrone. He was born in April 1892 at the Curragh, County Kildare. He was raised by his Grandmother Agnes Isabella Greer in Moy, County Tyrone and he was educated at Eton College from 1906-1910.⁷ He entered the service in September 1911. He served with the Irish Guards. He was married to Pamela Fitzgerald.⁸ He was gazetted adjutant to a reserve battalion in the autumn of 1915. He was a grandson of General Henry Harper Greer C.B., formerly of the Durham Light Infantry. On his maternal side, Lieut-Col. Greer was a grandson of Major-General George de la Poer Beresford, a descendant of the first Lord Decies, who was a son of the first Earl of Tyrone and a brother of the first Marquis of Waterford.⁹ He played cricket for the Irish Guards XI.¹⁰ Mentioned in despatches he died on 31 July 1917, aged 28 years. He is remembered with honour at Canada Farm Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. His brother, Francis St. Leger Greer, also died in the Great War. He was killed in action while serving with the 2nd Battalion of the Irish Guards, on 1 February 1917, aged 22 years.¹¹

MITCHELL, GEORGE (1897-1917)

Second Lieutenant George Mitchell was the eldest son of Rev. Robert James and Annie Mitchell, The Rectory, Trillick, Co. Tyrone. George was born in January 1897 at Drumsnatt, Co. Monaghan. He attended Campbell College, Belfast, entering in 1908. He was a very good cricketer, gaining his place on the school first eleven.¹² He was nominated to a cadetship in the Indian Army in 1914. After the customary period of training at Quetta, he was appointed to a commission in November 1915, and was posted to a Sikh regiment. Serving with 45th Rattray's Sikhs, he was killed on 1 February 1917, aged 20 years. He is remembered with honour at Amara War Cemetery, Iraq.

⁵ *The Irish Times*, 29 January 1917, p. 6.

⁶ *Irish Independent*, 5 February 1917, p. 2. *County Down Spectator*, 9 February 1917.

⁷ Friends of the Somme. Mid Ulster Branch. Online:

<http://www.dungannonwardead.com/person.asp?casualtyid=790> (accessed 13 September 2017)

⁸ *The Belfast Newsletter*, 27 August 1917, p. 4.

⁹ *Belfast Newsletter*, 1 October 1915, p. 10.

¹⁰ Renshaw. *Wisden on the Great War*, p. 329.

¹¹ Friends of the Somme. Mid Ulster Branch. Online:

<http://www.dungannonwardead.com/person.asp?casualtyid=905> (accessed: 13 September 2017).

¹² *Larne Times*, 17 February 1917.

BRETT, JASPER THOMAS (c.1896-1917)

Second Lieutenant Jasper Thomas Brett was a son of William Jasper and Mary Eleanor Brett, of Dun Laoghaire (Kingstown), Co. Dublin. He played rugby, on the wing, for Monkstown Park School, Armagh Royal School and Monkstown.¹³ He won one cap for Ireland in 1914 when Wales defeated Ireland at Belfast.¹⁴ He played cricket on Sir Stanley Cochrane's XI at Woodbrook, Co. Dublin.¹⁵ He served with the 7th Battalion, Royal Dublin Fusiliers. He had returned home and was believed to be suffering from shell shock. He went out for a walk but failed to return home. His body was found near the rail line in Dun Laoghaire.¹⁶ He died on 4 February 1917, aged 21 years. He is remembered with honour at Deansgrange Cemetery, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin, Ireland.

REEVES, GEOFFREY BROWNING (c.1891-1917)

Captain Geoffrey Browning Reeves was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Browning Reeves and Elizabeth Reeves, Athgarvan House, Newbridge, Co. Kildare. He was on the Bedford Grammar School cricket XI in 1909.¹⁷ He served in the war with the 9th Hodson's Horse. He died on 28 February 1917, aged 26 years. He is remembered with honour at St. Riquier British Cemetery, Somme, France.

HOLLOWAY, THOMAS PATRICK (c.1893-1917)

Staff Sergeant Thomas Patrick Holloway was the second son of Thomas and Kate Holloway, Church Street, Cahir, Co. Tipperary. His father was a contractor and a builder.¹⁸ Thomas junior was educated at Rockwell College. Thomas emigrated to Australia, around 1910, and worked as a chemist in Kerang, before moving on to Dandenong, where he resided for two years, in the employment of Mr. R.A. Titcher.¹⁹ During his youth in Tipperary Thomas was a keen cricketer with the Cahir Club.²⁰ His father had also played cricket with the Cahir club. His enthusiasm for the game never waned and on arrival in Australia he figured prominently in many matches. When hostilities started in Europe, Thomas joined the Australian Light Infantry, and was attached to the Royal Army Medical Corps. While at Seymour camp he contracted pneumonia, and although he recovered and resumed duty, it was to be, but for a short period of time. He took ill again and was admitted to Austin Hospital, Heidelberg, Melbourne, for six months, where he passed away on 28 March 1917, aged 34 years.²¹ He is remembered with honour in Coburg Pine Ridge Cemetery, Melbourne, Australia and on the Cahir War Memorial, Co. Tipperary.

¹³ Kinsella, Ken. *Out of the Dark 1914-1918. South Dubliners Who Fell in the Great War* (Sallins, 2014), p. 351.

¹⁴ Van Esbeck, Edmund. *Irish Rugby 1874-1999. A History* (Dublin, 1999), p. 293.

¹⁵ Kinsella, *Out of the Dark*, p. 351.

¹⁶ Kinsella, *Out of the Dark*, pp 346-7.

¹⁷ Renshaw. *Wisden on the Great War*, p. 359.

¹⁸ *Clonmel Chronicle*, 3 March 1917, p. 5.

¹⁹ *South Bourke and Mornington Journal*, 29 March 1917, p. 2

²⁰ *Nationalist*, 29 August 1908, p. 5; *Cashel Sentinel*, 31 July 1909, p. 3.

²¹ *The Argus*, 30 March 1917, p. 1; *Clonmel Chronicle*, 31 March 1917, p. 5.

NUNN, JOHN HENRY (c.1885-1917)

Major John Henry Nunn was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Loftus and Katherine Harriett (*née* Boxwell) Nunn, of Alma, Wexford, Co. Wexford. He was educated at St. Columba's College, Dublin. He was married to Doris Nunn (*née* Gregory), 3 Ravensbourne Gardens, Ealing, London. He was 'well known as a good bat in Irish cricket, especially for the Phoenix CC'.²² He was with "A" Battery, 19th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery during the war. He died on 1 April 1917, aged 32 years. He is commemorated on the Great War memorial at St. Columba's College, Dublin. He is remembered with honour at Warlincourt Halte British Cemetery, Saulty, Pas de Calais, France.

RITCHIE, HENRY DOUGLAS (c.1884-1917)

Private Henry Douglas Ritchie was a son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Ritchie, High Street, Comber, Co. Down. He was a member of North Down CC.²³ He was in business with Messrs. Joseph Blair, Ltd., Church Lane, but emigrated to South Africa at the conclusion of the Boer War.²⁴ Serving with the 4th Regiment, South African Infantry, his service number was 7854. He died on 9 April 1917, aged 33 years. He is remembered with honour at Highland Cemetery, Roclincourt, Pas de Calais, France.

TREVOR, HERBERT EDWARD (1884-1917)

Lieutenant Colonel Herbert Edward Trevor was born in 1884, a son of Surgeon General Sir Francis Wollaston Trevor, K.C.S.I., C.B. and Lady Trevor, Trowscoed, Montgomeryshire, Wales. A career military man he was of the more prominent cricketers in Belfast when he was garrisoned in the city.²⁵ He died on 11 April 1917, aged 32 years. Lieut. Col. Herbert E. Trevor is remembered with honour at Faubourg D'amiens Cemetery, Arras, Pas de Calais, France.

CUBITT, EUSTACE HENRY (1889-1917)

Captain Eustace Henry Cubitt was born in England, on 23 June 1889. He was the son of Edward George and Christabel M. Cubitt, Honing Hall, Worstead, Norwich. In 1911, both he and his sister, Christabel, were living at Carrigeen, Kilcommon, Cahir, Co. Tipperary. He started a career as a miller's apprentice when he moved to Tipperary. His aunt Ida was married to William Going, a Cahir corn merchant, who was in partnership with Richard Smith, and together they ran a very successful milling operation, Going & Smith Mills, at Bridge Street, Cahir.²⁶ While living in the district, Eustace joined the local cricket club and was a regular starting member in the second half of the 1911 season.²⁷ During 1912 he regularly played on the same starting eleven

²² Renshaw. *Wisden on the Great War*, p. 352.

²³ Hiles, *Senior Cricket in Ulster*, p. 96.

²⁴ *Belfast Newsletter*, 4 May 1917, p. 8.

²⁵ *Larne Times*, 8 January 1916, p. 7.

²⁶ Buckley, Paul. *Cahir Park A.F.C. Cameos of a Century 1910-2010* (Cahir, 2010), p. 11.

²⁷ *The Nationalist*, 23 Sept. 1911, p. 3.

alongside Henry Inigo-Jones.²⁸ At the start of the 1914 cricket season Eustace was elected to the committee of Cahir Park CC. He was also a member of Cahir Park AFC.

During the Great War he fought with the 1st/5th Battalion Norfolk Regiment. He was killed in action on Thursday, 19 April 1917, one of three brothers who lost their lives in the war. He is interred in the Gaza War Cemetery, Israel and Palestine. He is remembered with honour on the Cahir War Memorial. He is also remembered on the Roll of Honour at St. Peter and St. Paul's Church, Honing, Norfolk, and on the Great War memorial at Kidderminster.

SIKES, RICHARD HERBERT (c.1873-1917)

Lieutenant Richard Herbert Sikes was the third son of Richard Cherry Sikes and Susanna Lecky Sikes, 2 Park View, Cork City.²⁹ He was on the committee of Cork County CC and he was one of the founding members of the Cork Bohemians Club.³⁰ He played cricket for the Bohemians club appearing as third or fourth bat.³¹ He resided in Youghal, Co. Cork for some time before moving to Argentina. He returned to Ireland at the start of 1914 and joined the Sportsman's Battalion, as he was 'a good shot and well-known in cricketing and golfing circles'.³² Having spent some time in the trenches he transferred to the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserves. He was with the Howe Battalion, Royal Navy Division when he died on 24 April 1917, aged 44 years. He is remembered with honour on the Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France.

TURNBULL, ALEXANDER MILLER (c.1893-1917)

Second Lieutenant Alexander Miller Turnbull was a son of Martin Harper Turnbull and Agnes Edgar Turnbull, Belfast. He was educated at the Royal Belfast Academical Institution. He played on the cricket 1st XI at 'Inst' in 1909.³³ He was also a member of the North of Ireland CC. He served with the 12th Squadron, Royal Flying Corps. He died on 25 April 1917, aged 24 years. He is commemorated on the North of Ireland CC War Memorial at Ormeau Road, Belfast. He is also remembered with honour at Vis-En-Artois British Cemetery, Haucourt, Pas de Calais, France. He is also commemorated on the war memorials in the Common Hall at the R.B.A.I. and at Queen's University, Belfast.

WEST, ARTHUR EUSTACE LOCKLEY (c.1893-1917)

Captain Arthur Eustace Lockley West was a son of James Samuel and Lavinia Wise West, Beechcroft, Elson Road, Gosport, Hampshire. His father was formerly Surveyor of Customs and Excise at Westport, Co Mayo. Arthur was educated at Westport, at Ranelagh School, Athlone, Co. Westmeath, and at Mountjoy School, Dublin, where he was captain of the cricket XI.³⁴ He

²⁸ *Clonmel Chronicle*, 17 August 1912, p. 10; 24 August 1912, p. 8.

²⁹ White and O'Shea. *A Great Sacrifice*, p. 450.

³⁰ Murphy. *Long Shadows by de Banks*, p. 78.

³¹ *Irish Examiner*, 10 July 1908; 22 June 1909; 18 June 1914, p. 3.

³² *Irish Examiner*, 25 May 1917, p. 2.

³³ My thanks to Dr Murray Power for this information.

³⁴ Renshaw. *Wisden on the Great War*, p. 372.

entered Trinity College, Dublin, in 1911. He received an army commission in November 1915.³⁵ Attached to the 213th Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery, he died on 28 April 1917, aged 24 years. Captain Arthur E.L. West is remembered with honour at the Henin Communal Cemetery Extension, Pas de Calais, France.

CONMEE, JOHN A. (c.1889-1917)

Lieutenant John A. Conmee was the eldest son of Patrick J. And Mary Gertrude Conmee, 25 Belgard Road, Rathmines, Dublin. Jack, as he was popularly known to his friends, was educated at the Catholic University School, where he was captain of both the rugby and cricket teams.³⁶ After he left school he joined the Bective Rangers RFC, for whom he played on the second XV.³⁷ He was also a member of Sandycove Swimming Club. He went through Dublin University Officer Training Corps, obtaining his commission on 5 April 1915. He was killed on 4 May 1917, 'whilst gallantly leading his men'.³⁸ He was 28 years of age. He is remembered with honour at Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France.

LOWRY, JOHN (c.1894-1917)³⁹

Second Lieutenant John Lowry was a son of John and Eleanor Lowry, of Belfast. He was another member Cregagh Cricket Club, from East Belfast, who gave of his life at a young age, when he served in the war in Europe.⁴⁰ He was with the 9th Battalion, attached to the 2nd Battalion, King's Shropshire Light Infantry when he died on 4 May 1917, aged 23 years. He is remembered with honour at Salonika (Lembet Road) Military Cemetery, Greece. A soldier named J. Lowry is commemorated on the war memorial at Queen's University, Belfast, but it is unclear if this is one and the same man.

GALLAGHER, PATRICK WILFRED (c.1885-1917)

Regimental Sergeant Major Patrick Wilfred Gallagher was a son of Mr and Mrs William Gallagher, of 23, Ballsbridge Terrace, Dublin. He was married to Annie E. Gallagher, 20 Turvey Avenue, Inchicore, Dublin.⁴¹ Awarded the Military Cross he was with the 14th Heavy Artillery Group, Royal Garrison Artillery, and his service number was 9617. He was a popular warrant officer and a member of Cork Constitution Cricket Club. He died on 7 May 1917, aged 32 years, during the Battle of the Somme. Regimental Sgt. Major Gallagher is remembered with honour at Aveluy Communal Cemetery Extension, Somme, France.

³⁵ *The Irish Times*, 10 May 1917, p. 6.

³⁶ Renshaw. *Wisden on the Great War*, p. 317.

³⁷ *Freeman's Journal*, 16 May 1917, p. 3.

³⁸ *Weekly Irish Times*, 19 May 1917, p. 3.

³⁹ I am uncertain if this is the correct man. While a John Lowry, Cregagh CC died in the Great War further particulars on the man and his family have proven very difficult to identify with any great certainty.

⁴⁰ *Cregagh Cricket Club 100 not out*, p. 39.

⁴¹ *Weekly Irish Times*, 9 June 1917, p. 8.

BRITTON, WILLIAM KERR MAGILL (c.1892-1917)

Second Lieutenant William Kerr Magill Britton was the third son of Dr. John and Margaret H. Hill, Hazelwood, Strabane, Co. Tyrone. He was educated first at Strabane and then Foyle College, Co. Derry. A keen cricketer William played on the college first XI in 1910.⁴² He then entered Trinity College Dublin, where he graduated in the arts and engineering school. In April 1916, he accepted a commission in the Royal Munster Fusiliers, from which he was seconded three months later to the Royal Flying Corps. He was sent to France and saw a great deal of service over the German lines, taking part in numerous engagements with enemy machines. He was eventually wounded and after his convalescence at home was sent to England, where he was appointed as a flying instructor.⁴³ He was killed in an airplane accident in England on 23 May 1917, aged 25 years. He is remembered with honour at Strabane Cemetery, Co. Tyrone, Northern Ireland.

SINCLAIR, GEORGE STANLEY (1897-1917)

Second Lieutenant George Stanley Sinclair was born on 24 April 1897, the second son of Samuel and Edith M. Sinclair, 'Inglewood', Adelaide Park, Belfast. Samuel Sinclair had been a governor of the Royal Belfast Academical Institution. George was educated at Castle Park, Dublin; Royal Belfast Academical Institution and Queen's University. While attending the R.B.A.I. he played on the cricket XI, featuring on the 1st XI team in 1912, 1913 and 1914.⁴⁴ He had just entered Queen's University when he applied for a commission with the 5th Royal Irish Rifles on 20th April 1915, joining the 1st battalion on 5th July 1916.⁴⁵ His brother, Second Lieutenant H.D. Sinclair also served with the Royal Irish Rifles. Second Lieut. George S. Sinclair was killed as a result of a bomb explosion in France on 28 May 1917, age 20 years. He was a nephew of Colonel Thomas Sinclair, C.B., M.D., F.R.C.S., who telegraphed the news from France, and of Mr John Sinclair, a member of the Belfast Harbour Board.⁴⁶ The June 1917 edition of School News reported that 'no boy was a greater favourite with his schoolfellows, for he was modest, manly and public-spirited, with a really fine sense of humour, and a vein of romance in his nature. The chaplain who conducted the short and touching service at his grave in the little parish churchyard in France was also an old Instonian, Rev. J. Hamilton of Helen's Bay.'⁴⁷ George was originally buried in Nurlu British Cemetery but was re-buried in Peronne Communal Cemetery Extension, Somme, France where he is remembered with honour. He is also commemorated on the war memorials at Royal Belfast Academical Institution and Queen's University, Belfast.

⁴² Platt. *History of Cricket at Foyle College*, pp 108-09.

⁴³ *Derry Standard*, May 1918.

⁴⁴ My thanks to Dr Murray Power for this information.

⁴⁵ Inst in the Great War. Online: <http://www.instgreatwar.com/page25.htm> (accessed 10 October 2018)

⁴⁶ *Belfast Newsletter*, 30 May 1917, p. 6.

⁴⁷ Inst in the Great War. Online: <http://www.instgreatwar.com/page25.htm> (accessed 10 October 2018)

MARCHANT, CHARLES STEWART (1895-1917)

Second Lieutenant Charles Stewart Marchant was born on 21 June 1895, a son of Thomas Frederick and Kathleen Marchant, 16 Castlewood Park, Rathmines, Dublin. Known as Stewart, he was educated at the High School, Dublin. He was a member of the High School cricket XI.⁴⁸ He became a member of Clontarf Cricket Club in 1914.⁴⁹ Prior to his nineteenth birthday he opened the batting for the team. In his only season playing with the club, he played in fourteen



games, 'scoring 237 runs at an average of 19.75 with a top score of 49'.⁵⁰ He enlisted in August 1914 and trained with the South Irish Horse. For services in the field he was recommended for and received his commission and was sent to the front early in 1916. He was killed in action on 4 June 1917 while serving with 5th Battalion attached 9th Battalion, Royal Dublin Fusiliers. He was aged 21 years. Second Lieutenant Charles S. Marchant is remembered with honour at Loker Churchyard, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

To his memory Stewart's father, Thomas Frederick Marchant, presented a cup to the Leinster Cricket Union, in 1921, the Marchant Cup, which is presented to the batsman (other than overseas professional players) who has the best average in senior cricket.

Marchant Cup. Pic: courtesy Deryck Vincent

AUSTIN, JAMES (c.?-1917)

Second Lieutenant James Austin was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Austin, 8 Cranmore Avenue, Belfast. He was educated at Royal Belfast Academical Institution. While attending 'Inst' he played cricket for the 1st XI in 1905 and 1906, in which year he was also captain of the team.⁵¹ He played for the Dublin University cricket third XI in 1911.⁵² He served with the 13th Battalion, Manchester Regiment. He was killed on 21 June 1917. He is remembered with honour at Salonika (Lembet Road) Military Cemetery, Greece.

⁴⁸ *Sunday Independent*, 18 May 1913, p. 11.

⁴⁹ *Freeman's Journal*, 23 June 1914, p. 9; *Weekly Irish Times*, 16 June 1917, p. 3.

⁵⁰ My thanks to Deryck Vincent, Clontarf CC for providing me with this information. See also <http://clontarfcchistory.blogspot.ie/2013/01/the-marchant-cup-and-clontarf.html> (accessed 7 April 2015)

⁵¹ My thanks to Dr Murray Power for this information.

⁵² Information based on a database of Dublin University cricket players compiled by David Penney.

BOAL, JOHN KIRK (1897-1917)

Captain John Kirk Boal was born on 4 January 1897, a son of John Boal (who ran the family linen manufacturing company, J&H Boal in Lisburn) of Antrim House, Co. Antrim. He attended Campbell College, Belfast from April 1908 to July 1912. John played on the first XI cricket team while attending the college in his last year of 1912. He tended to bat at no.3. He was run out three times! His best scores were 43 (v. Staff), 61 not out (v. Methodist College, Belfast), 31 run out (v. North Down). J.K. Boal opened the batting for the Ulster Schools in the 1913 interprovincial.⁵³ In April 1915 he received his Commission in the Royal Irish Fusiliers and had been in the field for nearly two years when the end came. He was very young to have gained such speed promotion, but he had shown himself a brilliant officer, and had been twice mentioned in Despatches for meritorious and gallant service. He was with the 3rd Battalion attached 1st Battalion Royal Irish Fusiliers when he was killed in action at Arras on 3 May 1917, age 20 years.⁵⁴ Captain John Kirk Boal is remembered with honour at Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France.

ENGLISH, DAVID (?-1917)

Lance-Sergeant David English was the youngest son of the Mr. David English, Glenarm, and of Mrs. English, Buncrana, Ormeau Road. Belfast. Before enlisting Lance-Sergeant English was an apprentice in the service of Messrs. F. Carlisle & Co., Ltd., Howard Street, and was well-known in junior football and cricket circles. Serving with A Company 14th Battalion Royal Irish Rifles, he was killed in action on 23 June 1917.⁵⁵ Lance-Sergeant English is buried in Messines Ridge British Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium, where he is remembered with honour.

FURNISS, JAMES E. (1888-1917)

Second-Lieutenant James Furniss was born on 13 November 1888, the son of John E. and Ellen Furniss, Straid, Ballynure, Co. Antrim. His father was manager of the Straid Ironworks, Ballyclare, Co. Antrim.⁵⁶ James was employed as a bank clerk with the Northern Bank. He became a member of Clontarf Cricket Club appearing on the second XI from 1909 to 1914.⁵⁷ He enlisted on 9 January 1916 as a private in the Inns of Court Officer Training Corps, service number 9404.⁵⁸ The OTC recommended him for a commission on 19 September 1916. By this stage he had been wounded a second time.⁵⁹ He joined the 1st Royal Irish Regiment from the 4th Royal Irish Regiment on 23 May 1917.⁶⁰ He was killed in action on 31 July 1917, aged 28

⁵³ My thanks to Dr Murray Power for this information.

⁵⁴ *The Campbellian* Vol. IV, p. 52.

⁵⁵ *Belfast Newsletter*, 2 July 1917.

⁵⁶ *Irish Independent*, 9 August 1917, p. 2.

⁵⁷ *The Irish Times*, 28 June 1909, p. 4; *Freeman's Journal* 7 July 1913, p. 11; 28 July 1913, p. 11. *Sunday Independent*, 17 May 1914, p.11; 19 July 1914, p. 11.

⁵⁸ Taylor. *The 1st Royal Irish Rifles*, p. 246.

⁵⁹ *Irish Independent*, 14 June 1916, p. 2.

⁶⁰ Taylor. *The 1st Royal Irish Rifles*, p. 246.

years. He is remembered with honour at Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

ROSA, HERBERT CHARLES (c.1884-1917)

Second Lieutenant Herbert Charles Rosa was the second son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Rosa, 17 Westbourne Street, London. His parents were founders of the Carl Rosa Opera Company. Herbert was educated at Clifden College. Herbert married Marie O'Meara, the eldest daughter of William O'Meara, Drumbawn, Birr, Co. Offaly. He purchased the lands and house of Killavalla, Borrisokane, Co. Tipperary where he settled down to live a county life. He was described as 'an enthusiastic sportsman, he was keen on every form of outdoor sport—football, tennis, golf, cricket—game for anything. Horses and dogs he couldn't do without and in pre-war days hail, rain or snow wouldn't keep him from a hunt anywhere in North Tipperary'.⁶¹ When war broke out he volunteered for service and went to Egypt with the Honourable Artillery Company. He subsequently transferred to the Royal Field Artillery and in the middle of 1917 he departed for France. He was killed in action on 31 July 1917, aged 33 years. He left behind a widow and young daughter. He is remembered with honour at Poperinghe New Military Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

TAYLOR, ALFRED SQUIRE (1889-1917)

Captain Alfred Squire Taylor was born on 6 July 1889, a son of Rev. David A. and Mrs. Dora Taylor, Bertha House, Malone Road, Belfast, and latterly 'Eastbourne', Windsor Avenue North, Belfast. His father was secretary of Presbyterian Orphan Society from 1894; Moderator of Presbyterian Church in Ireland, 1899-1900; Commissioner of National Education from 1902. He was educated at Royal Belfast Academical Institution, September 1901 to June 1902. He subsequently attended Campbell College, Belfast from September 1902 to July 1907. He was on the rugby first XV, 1905-1907, and he was on the cricket first XI, 1904-1907. He was captain of the cricket XI in his final year. In May 1907 he opened the batting for Campbell against the Royal Sussex Regiment and scored 82 runs. After his school career he entered Queen's College, Belfast. While there he played on the rugby first XV, from 1907 to 1909. He was also a member of North Down CC.⁶² He went to Edinburgh University where he also played on the rugby first XV, from 1910-1912 (Captain 1912). He was an Irish Rugby International from 1910 to 1912, playing all three home internationals in 1910, and a single appearance in 1912 against France.⁶³ He also played for Ulster against Leinster and Munster. Following a career in medicine he served with the Royal Army Medical Corps in the Great War. Appointed Lieutenant on 12 October 1914, he became Captain on 12 October 1915. He served in Mesopotamia in 1915-1916, but was invalided home. He was in France in 1916-1917 with the 10/11th Highland Light Infantry. He was killed instantaneously by a shell whilst dressing the wounds of an officer on 31 July 1917,

⁶¹ *Midland Counties Advertiser*, 9 August 1917, p. 2.

⁶² Hiles, *Senior Cricket in Ulster*, p. 96.

⁶³ Van Esbeck. *Irish Rugby*, p. 305.

aged 28 years.⁶⁴ He was another of the nine Irish rugby international players who died in the war.⁶⁵ He is remembered with honour at Ypres Town Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium; Comber War Memorial; on the war memorial in the Common Hall at the R.B.A.I.; Elmwood Presbyterian Church (Belfast) War Memorial; and Queen's University, Belfast War Memorial.

PORTER, WILLIAM JAMES (1896-1917)

Lieutenant William James Porter was a son of William and Anne Elizabeth Porter of "Elmfield", Spawell Road, County Wexford. He was born on 15 June 1896. He attended Tate School, Wexford.⁶⁶ After this he attended Campbell College, Belfast from September 1912 to July 1915. He was a school prefect and while at Campbell he played on the first rugby XV, from 1913 to 1915. He also played on the cricket first XI from 1914-15. W.J. Porter opened the batting for the Ulster Schools in 1915, top-scoring with 13 in the first innings, when Ulster were bowled out for 44, and making 21 in the second as they held out for a draw.⁶⁷

He passed the entrance examination to Sandhurst with distinction. In 1915 he entered Royal Military College Sandhurst, whence he passed into the Leinster Regiment, obtaining his Commission in April 1916.⁶⁸ In 1916 he was reported as being at home before joining his regiment.⁶⁹ He is referred to in the trench diaries of Frank Hitchcock, who was a fellow pupil at Campbell. One subaltern was W. J. Porter, 'who had been at Campbell with me, where he had been a brilliant wing three-quarter'.⁷⁰ It is said that he planned one of the first daylight raids of the War near Triangle Crater, as Battalion Intelligence Officer, but the honour of the first daylight probably belongs to his fellow Campbellian, Nelson Russell. Porter's plan took place on 10 January 1917 to gain reconnaissance information and bring back prisoners for interrogation. Lieutenant William James Porter was wounded in action on 31 July 1917 and he died at Base Hospital on 3 August 1917, aged 21 years. He is commemorated on a tablet in St Iberius Church of Ireland, Wexford. He is remembered with honour at Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, Poperinghe, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

CANE, MAURICE (c.1882-1917)

Second Lieutenant Maurice Cane was a son of Colonel Claude Cane, and Mrs. Cane (*née* Mackintosh), of 'St. Wolstans', Celbridge, Co. Kildare. He was married to Hilda Jessie Bisset, 'Balgonie', Branksome Park Road, Camberley, Surrey. He was a member of Victoria CC, British Columbia, Canada.⁷¹ Serving with the 1st Battery, 153rd Brigade, Royal Field Artillery, he died

⁶⁴*Belfast News Letter*, 8 August 1917; *Northern Whig*, 8 August 1917; *The Campbellian* Vol. IV, pp. 69, 71.; *Journey of Remembering: Belfast Book of Honour*, (Belfast, 2009), p. 618.

⁶⁵*Irish Rugby*, p. 66.

⁶⁶*Weekly Irish Times*, 1 September 1917, p. 2.

⁶⁷My thanks to Dr Murray Power for this information.

⁶⁸*The Campbellian* Vol. IV, pp 71-2.

⁶⁹*Wexford Free Press*, 15 April 1916.

⁷⁰Hitchcock, F.C. *Stand to: a diary of the Trenches 1915-1918* (London, 1937), p. 134.

⁷¹Renshaw. *Wisden on the Great War*, p. 312.

on 4 August 1917, aged 35 years. He is remembered with honour at New Irish Farm Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

HAMILTON, EDWARD (c.1894-1918)

Lieutenant Edward Hamilton was a son of John William and Sarah Hamilton, Cregagh Road, Belfast. The Hamilton name is quite a famous name at Cregagh CC as one of the founding Fathers was called J. W. A. Hamilton. He was connected to the local church and is credited with starting the cricket club in a newspaper article in 1925. Edward was employed as an inusrnace clerk prio to the outbreak of hostilities in Europe and was another member of Cregagh Cricket Club who served in the war.⁷² His brother John, also a memberof Cregagh CC, served with the Forces during the Great War. Named on the 'General List' Lieutenant Edward Hamilton died on 14 April 1918, aged 24 years. He is remembered with honour at Tyne Cot Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. He is also remembered on the Great War memorial at Cregagh CC.

KENNEDY, RONALD B.C. (c.1896-1917)

Lieutenant Ronald B.C. Kennedy was the elder son of Mr. and Mrs. de Vere Kennedy, of Westown, Straffan, Co. Kildare. He was educated at Clifton College, where he was in the cricket XI and football XV.⁷³ In September, 1914, he received a commission in the 6th Royal Dublin Fusiliers with which he served during the war. He died on 10 August 1917, aged 21 years from illness contracted on active service in France.⁷⁴ He is remembered with honour at Stradbally Church of Ireland Churchyard, County Waterford.

DRENNAN, JAMES WILSON (c.1893-1917)

Lieutenant James Wilson Drennan was a son of John W. and Catherine Drennan, "Carse Hall," Limavady, Co. Derry. He was educated at Roebank School, Limavady and Foyle College. While at Foyle College he played on the school cricket team in 1910, where he opened the batting.⁷⁵ He played alongside James Joyce Beasley. Prior to the war he worked with his father who was one of the largest farmers in Northern Ireland.⁷⁶ When war broke out in Europe Lieut. Drennan volunteered and was given a commission in the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, gaining the rank of Lieutenant. He was Transport Officer with the 10th Battalion until they arrived in France in October, 1915. He subsequently served in the trenches until June 1916. However he was sent on home service to allow him to be near his father who was seriously ill. His father later died and he remained at home until he was once again sent to France. He was wounded in action on 11 August 1917, and he died the following day, 12 August 1917, aged 24 years. He is remembered with honour at Brandhoek New Military Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

MCROBERTS, THOMAS (c.1889-1917)

⁷² *Cregagh Cricket Club 100 not out*, p. 39.

⁷³ Our Heroes website. Online: <http://ourheroes.southdublinlibraries.ie/node/17272> (accessed 30 March 2015)

⁷⁴ *Kildare Observer*, 18 Aug. 1917, p. 3.

⁷⁵ Platt. *History of Cricket at Foyle College*, p. 114.

⁷⁶ Our Heroes website. Online: <http://ourheroes.southdublinlibraries.ie/node/17212> (accessed 27 June 2015)

Second Lieutenant Thomas McRoberts was a son of Thomas and Jane McRoberts, Castle Street, Comber, Co. Down. He was a member of North Down CC.⁷⁷ Serving with the 20th Battalion, Royal Irish Rifles, he died on 13 August 1917, aged 28 years. He is remembered with honour at Tyne Cot Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

BILL, JOHN ALEXANDER PATTERSON (c.1895-1977)

Second Lieutenant John Alexander Patterson Bill was born on 8 July 1895, in Edinburgh, the son of Samuel Alexander and Grace Bill. They were living at Mission House, Qua Oboe, Southern Nigeria when John died. John entered Royal Belfast Academical Institution ('Inst') in January 1907 aged 11. In 1910 he briefly left to board at a school in Cavan, Ireland. While at Inst, he was a member of both the cricket XI and rugby first XV, 'until an accident cut short his sporting career. He was on the cricket 1st XI at 'Inst' in 1913.⁷⁸ John was a student at Queen's University, Belfast, when he enlisted while living in University Street, Belfast. While at Queen's, he was awarded the Drennan Exhibition, awarded to the First Literary Scholar of 'Inst' students in their first year. His intention was to follow his father as a missionary in Qua Oboe, until he enlisted, originally joined the Royal Army Medical Corps, but then transferring to the Royal Irish Rifles in 1915'.⁷⁹

John died, along with many of his comrades, as part of the Battle of Langemarck (3rd Ypres). He served with the 18th Battalion, attached to 12th Battalion Royal Irish Rifles. He died on 16 August 1917, aged 22 years. He is remembered with honour at Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. He is also commemorated on the war memorials in the Common Hall at the R.B.A.I. and at Queen's University, Belfast.

MOORE, WILLIAM (1892-1917)

Second Lieutenant William Moore was born on 16 June 1892, a son of Dr. Archibald P.B. and Elizabeth R. Moore, Ashley House, Albert Bridge Road, Belfast. He attended school at Campbell College, Belfast from September 1905 to April 1912. During his time at school he was on the rugby first XV (1909-1910), and the cricket first XI in 1911. He was also a school prefect. At Easter 1912 he passed into Queen's University Belfast, where he graduated with honours in 1914. In January 1916 he obtained his Commission in the Royal Irish Fusiliers. Second Lieutenant Moore was a bombing instructor at Newtownards until May 1917 and was sent to France early in June. His brother, Captain Archibald Main Moore was twice wounded in the War. Serving with the 10th Battalion, Royal Irish Fusiliers he was killed in action at Third Battle of Ypres (Passchendaele), 16 August 1917, aged 25 years.⁸⁰ He is remembered with honour at on the Wall of the Missing, Tyne Cot Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. He is also remembered on the Queen's University Officer Training Corps War Memorial.

⁷⁷ Hiles, *Senior Cricket in Ulster*, p. 96.

⁷⁸ My thanks to Dr Murray Power for this information.

⁷⁹ Inst in the Great War. Online: <http://www.instgreatwar.com/page4.htm> (accessed 30 March 2015)

⁸⁰ *Journey of Remembering: Belfast Book of Honour*, (Belfast, 2009), p. 481; *The Campbellian* Vol. IV, p. 73.

SEYMOUR, WILLIAM MATTHEW (1896-1917)

Second Lieutenant William Matthew Seymour was born on 4 October 1896, a son of William and Lydia Seymour of 56 Glen Road, Andersonstown, Belfast. He was educated at Royal Belfast Academical Institution. While attending school he featured on the cricket 1st XI in 1913.⁸¹ 'On leaving Inst, he was a member of the Queen's University Officer Training Corps from 1st November 1915 to 21st January 1916 and was working as a bank clerk when he enlisted with the 10th Battalion, Royal Irish Fusiliers, a reserve battalion. He received his commission on 19th December 1916.'⁸² He was killed on 16 August 1917. He is remembered with honour at Tyne Cot Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. He is also commemorated on the war memorial in the Common Hall at the R.B.A.I.

MARLOW, CHARLES DWYER (c.1895-1917)

Second Lieutenant Charles Dwyer Marlow was a son of Arthur and Amelia Frances Marlow, Gilson Schools, Oldcastle, Co. Meath. They also had an address at Clonlyne, Penrhyn Bay, Llandudno, Carnarvonshire. He was educated at Oldcastle school and at King's Hospital, Dublin, where he was captain of the senior cricket and football teams.⁸³ He joined the Artist's Rifles in April 1915 and he went to France the following August. He was one of the selected guards of King George V when he visited the front for the second time. Obtaining his commission in September 1916, Second Lieutenant Marlow joined the Royal Dublin Fusiliers.⁸⁴ He was wounded on 7 August 1916, but remained on duty until he met his death in action on 17 August 1916, aged 22 years. Second Lieutenant Marlow is remembered with honour at Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

O'CONNOR, HUBERT MICHAEL (1887-1917)

Captain Hubert Michael O'Connor M.C. was born on 22 January 1887 a son of Charles Joseph and Mary Anne (*née* Lynch) O'Connor. He attended Clongowes Wood College, Co. Kildare (1898-1904) where he played on the cricket and rugby teams.⁸⁵ He served with the 6th Battalion, King's Shropshire Light Infantry. He was awarded the Military Cross 'for conspicuous bravery at the start of the Somme battle when commanding and leading a raiding party' with great courage.⁸⁶ He died on 17 August 1917, aged 30 years, at 'no. 4 casualty clearing station, Dozinghem Flanders, Belgium, from gunshot wound in the groin'.⁸⁷ He is remembered on war memorials at the Four Courts Dublin; at Trinity College, Dublin and Clongowes Wood College, Co. Kildare. Finally, he is remembered with honour at Dozinghem Military Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

⁸¹ My thanks to Dr Murray Power for this information/

⁸² Inst in the Great War. Online <http://www.instgreatwar.com/page25.htm> (accessed 29 October 2018)

⁸³ Renshaw. *Wisden on the Great War*, p. 347.

⁸⁴ *Weekly Irish Times*, 1 September 1917, p. 2; 29 September 1917, p. 2.

⁸⁵ Quinn. *Wigs and Guns*, p. 107.

⁸⁶ Quinn. *Wigs and Guns*, p. 108.

⁸⁷ Quinn. *Wigs and Guns*, p. 108.

MACDANIEL, JAMES ROBERTSON (c.1892-1917)

Second Lieutenant James Robertson MacDaniel was a son of James and Elizabeth MacDaniel, 2 Warrenpoint, Clontarf, Co. Dublin. He was educated at Rathmines College and was a prominent member of Clontarf Football and Cricket Clubs. 'He joined the South Irish Horse at outbreak of war and received his commission in the Royal Dublin Fusiliers in October, 1915. After training in Cork and Fermoy he was sent to France. He was mentioned in Despatches in May 1917, for distinguished conduct in the field. He then volunteered for Royal Flying Corps as an army observer'.⁸⁸ He went to France on 31 July 1917, and was killed in action on 18 August 1917, aged 25 years. He is remembered with honour at Harlebeke New British Cemetery.

MORRISON, DOUGLAS ST. GEORGE (?-1917)

Lieutenant Douglas St. George Morrison was a son of Robert Douglas Morrison (County Inspector, Royal Irish Constabulary) and Henrietta Maria Langrishe Morrison (nee St. George), 'Dunsona', 28 Derryvolgie Avenue, Belfast. Douglas attended the Royal School, Armagh and appeared for the Ulster Schools in 1908.⁸⁹ He played for the Dublin University cricket second and third XIs in 1911 and 1912 while attending the studying there.⁹⁰ He served with the Royal Artillery during the fighting in Europe. He died on 3 September 1917. He is remembered with honour at Achiet-Le-Grand Communal Cemetery Extension, Pas de Calais.

MAYBERRY, JAMES (c.1889-1917)

Fireman James Mayberry served on board the S.S. "Tuskar" (Glasgow), a Mercantile Marine vessel. A native of Portrush, Co. Antrim, he was a member of the Cregagh Cricket Club in East Belfast.⁹¹ He died on 6 September 1917, aged 28 years. He is remembered with honour at Tower Hill Memorial, London, England.

WEBB, THOMAS FREDERICK (c.1893-1917)

Captain Thomas Frederick Webb was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew William Webb, Hilltown, Castlepollard Co. Westmeath. He was educated at St. Columba's College, Dublin. While attending school there he played on the cricket XI.⁹² He fought in the war with the 6th Battalion, London Regiment (City of London Rifles). He died on 7 September 1917, aged 24 years. He is remembered with honour at Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. He is also remembered with honour on the War Memorial at St. Columba's College, Dublin 16.

GREGORY, HENRY WILLIAM (1886-1917)

⁸⁸ Our Heroes website. Online: <http://ourheroes.southdublinlibraries.ie/node/17223> (accessed 30 March 2015)

⁸⁹ My thanks to Dr Murray Power for this information.

⁹⁰ Information based on a database of Dublin University cricket players compiled by David Penney.

⁹¹ *Cregagh Cricket Club 100 not out*, p. 39.

⁹² *The Irish Times*, 28 June 1909, p. 4.

Lieutenant Commander Henry William Gregory was the first son of Henry Charles Gregory and his second wife, Alicia Fanny (*née* Gambell, Washbrook, Co. Westmeath), whom he married in 1884.⁹³ Henry William was a member of Co. Kilkenny CC, playing in a couple of matches against Clonmel Asylum CC in the summer of 1909.⁹⁴ During the war he was in command of ‘a small China gunboat HMS Hoverfly in November 1916, which policed the Tigris River and Persian Gulf against Arab guerillas’.⁹⁵ He died of pneumonia in the British General Hospital at Basra on 10 September 1917, aged 31 years. He is commemorated on the Great War Memorial at St. Canice’s Cathedral, Kilkenny City. He is also remembered with honour at Basra War Cemetery, Iraq.

PEPPER, CHARLES (1875-1917)

Sergeant Charles Pepper was born on 6 June 1875, a son of Mr and Mrs John and Margaret (*née* Crotty) Pepper, Youghal, Co. Cork. Charles’ father was a soldier. When still a young boy his family moved to England. ‘As a teenager he was employed as a professional with Rye cricket club in Sussex and then to Brechin in Scotland’.⁹⁶ Charles was ‘a right-hand bat and right-arm medium pace bowler’ and he ‘played seven matches for Nottinghamshire in 1900 and 1901, with a highest score of 40 not out and best bowling of three for 23. He also played for Bedfordshire in the Minor Counties Championship in 1903.’⁹⁷ Charles subsequently moved to Darlington where he played with Darlington CC. He was later a professional for the Worthington and Co. CC. Residing at 83, South Uxbridge Street, Burton, Charles was married with four sons. He volunteered in the Sportsman’s Battalion, afterwards transferring to the 16th Battalion Sherwood Foresters (Notts and Derby Regiment).⁹⁸ His service number was 32476. Sergeant Charles Pepper was killed in action on 13 September 1917, age 42 years. He is remembered with honour at La Clytte Military Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

WALLACE, RICHARD COOKE (c.1880-1917)

Private Richard Cooke Wallace was another of the Abbey Old Boys to die in the Great War. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R Wallace, 9 Victoria Terrace, Limerick. Richard was a solicitor by profession. He attended Tipperary Grammar School and he appeared on the Abbey school cricket XI from May 1895, appearing alongside Poole Henry Hickman in his first match. He played with the Abbey team until June 1896.⁹⁹

During the War in Europe he fought with the Irish Guards. He was wounded on two occasions, but met his death on 13 September 1917, aged 37 years. He is remembered on the memorial to solicitors and apprentices at the Four Courts, Dublin, which was sculpted by Oliver Sheppard. He is also remembered on the Abbey Old Boys memorial in St. Mary’s Church,

⁹³ Brannigan and Kirwan. *Kilkenny Families in the Great War*, p. 175.

⁹⁴ *Clonmel Chronicle*, 12 June 1909; 4 August 1909.

⁹⁵ Brannigan and Kirwan. *Kilkenny Families in the Great War*, p. 175.

⁹⁶ Darlington Cricket Club newsletter. *Feethams Flyer Special Issue* 31, p. 3.

⁹⁷ Renshaw. *Wisden on the Great War*, p. 354.

⁹⁸ Darlington Cricket Club newsletter. *Feethams Flyer Special Issue* 31, p. 4.

⁹⁹ *Clonmel Chronicle*, 18 September. 1895, p. 3; 10 June 1896.

Tipperary Town. Finally, he is remembered with honour on the Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

JEEVES, CHARLES ANTHONY VICTOR (c.1880-1917)

Second Lieutenant Charles Anthony Victor Jeeves M.M. was a Son of Anthony and May Lambert Jeeves, of 'Croyland', Albert Park Road, Malvern, Worcestershire. While living in Dublin he played occasionally with Merrion CC, principally as a batsman.¹⁰⁰ Serving with the Devonshire Regiment, he was killed in action on 20 September 1917, aged 37 years. He is remembered with honour on the Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

FOGERTY, JOHN FREDERICK (1896-1917)

Lieutenant John Frederick Cullinan Fogerty was the eldest son of William Henry and Emily Georgina Fogerty, 1, Bank Place, Ennis, County Clare. He was born in Westbourne, County Limerick on September 1, 1896. He was educated at Galway Grammar School. While attending school he played on the cricket XI in 1914.¹⁰¹ On leaving Galway Grammar School he attended the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich, and obtained his commission in the Royal Engineers in October, 1915. Serving with the 227th Field Company, Royal Engineers, he had been on active service since July, 1916, had just been promoted first lieutenant, and only returned to duty from sick leave a week before his death in action. He was killed in action on Saturday, 25 September, 1917, aged 21 years. He is remembered with Honour Voormezele Enclosures No.1 and No.2, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

STEWART, ALBERT LEWIS (c.1889-1917)

Major Albert Lewis Stewart was a son of Mr. and Mrs. James Stewart, 101 Wellesley Avenue, Belfast. He was educated at the Royal Belfast Academical Institution. While attending 'Inst' he played on the cricket 1st XI in 1904, 1905 and 1906.¹⁰² He was a member of the North of Ireland CC.¹⁰³ He was with the 22nd Battalion, Machine Gun Corps (Infantry) during the war. He died on 4 October 1917, aged 28 years. He is remembered with honour at Hooze Crater Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. He is also commemorated on the war memorial in the Common Hall at the R.B.A.I.

CALLAGHAN, LESLIE WILFRED (1892-1917)

Captain Leslie Wilfred Callaghan was born in 1892. He was educated at Wesley College, Dublin after which he entered Trinity College Dublin in October 1909. In his first year at Trinity he appeared on the Dublin University Wanderers XI.¹⁰⁴ He served with the 8th Battalion, West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales's Own) during the war. He was killed in action at Passchendaele, Flanders on 9 October 1917. He is commemorated in the Hall of Honour, Trinity

¹⁰⁰ Little and Parkinson. *Merrion*, p. 32.

¹⁰¹ *Connaught Tribune*, 13 June 1914, p. 4.

¹⁰² My thanks to Dr Murray Power for this information.

¹⁰³ Hiles, *Senior Cricket in Ulster*, p. 97.

¹⁰⁴ Information based on a database of Dublin University cricket players compiled by David Penney.

College Dublin; on the Great War Memorial, Wesley College, Ballinteer, Co. Dublin; on the Great War Memorial, north chancel St. Philips and St. James' Church of Ireland, Blackrock, Co. Dublin and on the Great War Memorial at Monkstown Church of Ireland, Dublin.¹⁰⁵ Finally he is remembered with honour on the Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

MCGRATH, JOHN (c.1885-1917)

Private John McGrath was the eldest son of Sgt. John and Mary E. McGrath, R.I.C., 64, Cooke Street, Belfast. He was educated at St. Malachy's College and he completed his studies at O'Connell's Institute, Belfast. He was a fine all-round cricketer and was a regular playing member of Saintfield CC. He was captain of the club in 1910. He was also connected with Ulster CC. He moved to England and took up a position with the Valuation Offices of London Council. While there he became a member of West Ealing CC. When war broke out in Europe he joined the 2nd/15th Battalion, London Regiment (Prince of Wales' Own Civil Service Rifles).¹⁰⁶ His service number was 532318. He was killed in action in Egypt on 31 October 1917, aged 32 years. Private John McGrath is remembered with honour Beersheba War Cemetery, Israel.

HARRIS, ERIC WALLACE (c.1896-1917)

Lieutenant Eric Wallace Harris was the only son of William Wallace Harris (4 Dame Street, Dublin) and Gertrude Mary Harris, 'Chelmsford' Avoca Avenue, Blackrock, Co. Dublin. Eric entered Trinity College, Dublin in June 1914, and the Medical School the following term. He had captained his school at both cricket and hockey, and was a conspicuous forward in Trinity College hockey team. Joining the University Officer Training Corps, he obtained his commission in the Royal Garrison Artillery on 10th November 1915, and after some months training at Spike Island, was transferred to Fort Campden, County Cork to which station he was afterwards appointed as O.C. He left for France on Christmas Day 1916, and served at the Somme, as Arras (where he was slightly wounded in the arm) and in Flanders, where he was mortally wounded. In April 1917 he had been recommended for distinction for special and conspicuous bravery on three occasions. A few weeks before his death he was offered the captaincy, but preferred to remain with his old battery.¹⁰⁷ Serving with the 213th Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery, he died on 4 November 1917, age 20 years. He is remembered with honour at Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Lieut. Wallace is also commemorated on Stewartstown Cenotaph and Donaghendry Church of Ireland, Stewartstown.¹⁰⁸

IRWIN, RICHARD (1885-1917)

Sergeant Richard Irwin was born in Donaghcloney in May 1885. He had two brothers, Samuel and William, and a sister, Annie Jane. Known as Dick, he was a weaver by trade. He was a well

¹⁰⁵ Kinsella, *Out of the Dark*, p. 194.

¹⁰⁶ *Weekly Irish Times*, 24 November 1917, p. 6.

¹⁰⁷ *Tyrone Courier*, 15 November 1917.

¹⁰⁸ Cookstown War Dead. Online: http://www.cookstownwardead.co.uk/persondepth.asp?cas_id=255 (accessed 21 July 1918).

known sportsman, playing in goals for Glenavon Reserves for many years, as well as turning out regularly for the first team. He was an all round cricketer, playing for Waringstown second team regularly and he assisted the first team in the 1911 cup final against North Down.¹⁰⁹ Before the war Richard Irwin was a drill sergeant in the Waringstown Company of the Ulster Volunteers and he was also the lodge secretary of LOL 477. He served as a Lance Sergeant with the North Irish Horse, which he joined in 1908, entering the Great War on 20 August 1914. He then served with the second regiment of the North Irish Horse, which was raised in May 1916 and joined the fighting in France in late summer of that year. His number in the North Irish Horse was 398. He was married to Margaret Irwin of Clogher, who was living in Magherlin during the war, with their daughter Sadie.

At the end of August 1917, the 2nd North Irish Horse was “dismounted” or converted from cavalry to infantry and Sgt. Irwin was among 300 men from the North Irish Horse that were transferred into the 9th Battalion of the Royal Irish Fusiliers. He was given a new number in this battalion, 41268. On November 3, 1917, A and B companies from the 9th (NIH) Battalion were sent, as working parties, to bring rations, supplies and water to the front line trenches and C company prepared for a raid on the enemy trenches that night. They marched from Ruyaulcourt at 4.30pm and it was fully dark by the time they crept out into no-man’s-land. Their objectives were the German trenches near Havrincourt Wood, where they crossed the North Agache Canal. They jumped into the enemy trenches undetected, but recovering from the surprise, the Germans fought determinedly and refused to surrender. The company suffered twenty casualties from German hand grenades. Only one Non-Commissioned Officer was killed and that was Sergeant Richard Irwin, aged 32 years, when he was killed in action November 3, 1917. He is remembered with honour at Neuville-Bourjonval British Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France. He is also commemorated on the Waringstown War Memorial, Banbridge Road, Waringstown, County Down.

MURPHY, ALFRED DURHAM (1890-1917)

Lieutenant Colonel Alfred Durham Murphy was the second son of Lieut. Colonel Edmond William and Mary Ellen Murphy, of Ballinamona, Cashel, Co. Tipperary. He was born in England in 1890, and educated at Downside School.¹¹⁰ He attended Downside from April 1902 until December 1906.¹¹¹ When at home with his family, in Cashel, he played cricket for the town club alongside his father. His father organised his own eleven, and was a keen supporter of cricket in this south Tipperary town. Alfred appeared on the Cashel eleven from 1908 to 1910.¹¹² He entered the Leinsters from the Special Reserve in 1911, the same regiment which his father served in for twenty years.¹¹³ He also played cricket for the Leinsters, appearing as one of the

¹⁰⁹ UlsterWarMemorials.net Online: http://www.ulsterwarmemorials.net/html/waringstown_county_down.html (accessed 10 March 2018) Information taken from Elliott and Stevenson. *The Story of a Banner*.

¹¹⁰ *Freeman's Journal*, 14 November 1917, p. 8.

¹¹¹ *The Downside Review* No. 109, p. 70.

¹¹² *Cashel Sentinel*, 20 August 1910, p. 3; 27 August 1910, p. 3.

¹¹³ *Clonmel Chronicle*, 14 November 1917, p. 3.

opening bats.¹¹⁴ At the outbreak of hostilities he went to France with his Battalion in the 6th Division, in September 1914, as a junior lieutenant and transport officer. Sir John French mentioned Lieut. Murphy's courageous actions in several despatches. In all he was mentioned in Despatches on four occasions.¹¹⁵ In 1915 he was promoted to captain and appointed adjutant of the Battalion. In May 1916 he became a temporary major, and was appointed acting lieutenant-colonel three months later, a position he held until his untimely death.¹¹⁶

CRICKET FIXTURES.		Date.	Opponents.	Ground.	Result.	SCORES For Agst. Indiv.		SEASON 1910.
MATCHES.		Jul 27	Cahir Garrison N.C.O.s	Cahir	Lost	19 46	31 132	-
Won - - - - -		Aug 9	Cahir Park C.C.	Cashel	Won	51 156	39 156	-
Drawn - - - - -		Aug 12	" " "	Cahir	Lost	39	97	0
Lost - - - - -		Aug 17	Cahir Garrison N.C.O.s	Cashel	Lost	29 54(8)	40 123	1
		Aug 19	Clonmel Asghin C.C.	Clonmel	Lost	25 66	59 342	128
Total Played								
Batting Average.....								
Bowling Average.....								

MEMBER'S NAME.
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Membership card of Alfred Durham Murphy for Cashel CC, 1910.
 Pic: Tipperary Studies, Tipperary County Council Library Service

In an account of the incident which led to his death 'Lieutenant-Colonel Murphy was with the medical officer and several other members of the Battalion headquarters attending to some wounded men in a building which served as the headquarters mess. While they were engaged upon this work a chance shell dropped right into their midst with terrible effect. Colonel Murphy, the medical officer and six men were killed outright'.¹¹⁷

Lieut-Col. Murphy was decorated with the Distinguished Service Order and the Military Cross for exceptional valour. He was killed in action on November 6, 1917, aged 27 years. He is remembered with honour at Roisel Communal Cemetery Extension, France.

BAILE, GEORGE FREDERICK CECIL (c.1892-1917)

Lieutenant George Frederick Cecil Baile was born in Co. Dublin. He was educated in Ranelagh School, Athlone, Co. Westmeath and Trinity College, Dublin, which he entered in 1910. He studied civil engineering. He played cricket for Dublin University appearing on the second and third XIs in 1912 and on the first and second elevens in 1913.¹¹⁸ He served with the Royal

¹¹⁴ *Irish Examiner*, 18 June 1914, p. 3.

¹¹⁵ *The Downside Review* No. 109, p. 92.

¹¹⁶ *Clonmel Nationalist*, 14 November 1917, p. 3.

¹¹⁷ Whitton, Lieut-Col. Frederick Ernest. *The History of the Prince of Wales's Leinster Regiment (Royal Canadians)* Vol. 2 (Aldershot, 1924), p. 373.

¹¹⁸ Information based on a database of Dublin University cricket players compiled by David Penney.

Engineers and he died on 9 November 1917. He is remembered with honour on memorials at Mountjoy School; Engineering School and main memorial, Trinity College, Dublin. He is also remembered at St. Fin Barre's Cathedral, Cork. Finally, he is remembered with honour at Kensal Green (All Souls') Cemetery, London, England.

O'CONNOR, JOSEPH H. (c.1897-1917)

Lieutenant Joseph H. O'Connor was the son of Mrs. N.H. O'Connor, District Asylum, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway. He was well-known in interprovincial hockey, cup rugby and county cricket.¹¹⁹ He joined the cadet corps of the Leinsters in 1914 and was gazetted to the Munsters in August 1915. Going to France in June 1916 he saw action at the Somme, Flanders and the Hindenburg strategic retreat. He received his second star in August 1917. He was killed instantly on 10 November 1917. He is remembered with honour at Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

HASLETT, THOMAS SINCLAIR (c.1897-1917)

Second Lieutenant Thomas Sinclair Haslett, M.C., was the second son of Rev. Thomas and E.M. Haslett, Ballymena, Co. Antrim. His father was a minister in the First Ballymena Presbyterian Church. He was educated at Ballymena Academy, Campbell College, Belfast and Foyle College, Derry. He appeared on the Foyle College cricket XI in 1911-12, 1912-13 and 1913-24.¹²⁰ In 1913 he was also selected for the Ulster Schools XI.¹²¹ He was a brilliant bowler, and a leader in all the college athletics. T.S. Haslett played for the Ulster Schools in both 1913 and 1914. He was a consistently successful bowler, taking three wickets at modest cost in each of the four innings in which he bowled and also top-scored with 27* in a losing cause in the second innings of the 1913 match.¹²² He was gazetted to a commission in December 1915 in the Royal Irish Rifles and went from Ballykinlar to the front in 1916, being posted to a Belfast battalion, with which he soon won the Military Cross for 'leading a daring raid' with great courage and skill, himself killing the enemy sentry and capturing three prisoners.¹²³ Fighting with the 10th Battalion, Royal Irish Rifles who died on 22 November 1917, aged 20 years. Second Lieutenant Thomas Sinclair Haslett is remembered with honour at Cambrai Memorial, Louverval, Nord, France.

CAREY, THOMAS AUGUSTUS (c.1883-1917)

Second Lieutenant Thomas Augustus Carey was a son of Mr. and Mrs. T.S. Carey, of River View, Portarlinton, Co. Laois. He was married to Evelyn Carey, of 'Daneshill', Pierremont Avenue, Broadstairs. He played for the Dublin University cricket second XI in 1902.¹²⁴ He

¹¹⁹ *Weekly Irish Times*, 8 December 1917, p. 16.

¹²⁰ *Derry Standard*, December 1917.

¹²¹ Platt. *History of Cricket at Foyle College*, pp. 119-21.

¹²² My thanks to Dr Murray Power for this information.

¹²³ *Weekly Irish Times*, 8 December 1917, p. 16.

¹²⁴ Information based on a database of Dublin University cricket players compiled by David Penney.

fought with the 1st Battalion, Irish Guards during the Great War. He died on 5 December 1917, aged 34 years. He is remembered with honour at Cambrai Memorial, Louverval, Nord, France.

GREEVES, THOMAS MALCOLMSON (1895-1917)

Flight Sub-Lieutenant Thomas Malcolmson Greeves was born on 6 December 1895, the eldest son of Alfred and Annie Frances Greeves, Fernbank, Earlswood Road, Strandtown, East Belfast. He attended Campbell College from September 1907 to July 1913, being a prominent member and Captain of the XI in 1913, and a School Prefect. Thomas appeared for the Ulster Schools in the 1912 and 1913 interprovincials, captaining the side in his second year, when he top-scored with 23 in the first innings as they were dismissed for 58 (in reply to Leinster's 62!).¹²⁵ He played for the rugby first XV from 1911-1913, and he was on the cricket first XI from 1910 to 1913, being Captain in 1913. In his final year, the Cricket Retrospect said of him that 'Greeves is to be heartily congratulated on having been selected to Captain the Ulster Schools in the annual match against the Leinster Schools'.¹²⁶

On leaving school he entered the employment of Messrs J. & T.M. Greeves, which he left in June 1915 to join the Friends' Ambulance Unit.¹²⁷ After serving for about a year and a half, he returned home in February 1917 and received a Commission as Probationary Flight Officer in the RNAS in May, and in November, after six months' training in France and England, he received his 'wings'. He came home on leave in December and was accidentally killed while flying in France a short time after going out again, at the early age of 22.¹²⁸ He was appointed Flight Sub-Lieutenant on 23 December 1917. However, Thomas died of injuries that same day, 23 December 1917, in France, having sustained a fractured skull and multiple injuries to both legs. He is commemorated on Strandtown War Memorial (East Belfast), at St Mark's Church of Ireland War Memorial (East Belfast) and on the North of Ireland Rugby Football Club War Memorial. He is remembered with honour at Dunkirk Town Cemetery, Nord, France.

¹²⁵ My thanks to Dr Murray Power for this information.

¹²⁶ *The Campbellian* Vol.III, p. 58.

¹²⁷ *The Campbellian* Vol. IV, p. 94.

¹²⁸ *The Campbellian* Vol. IV, p. 94.

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GREGORY, WILLIAM ROBERT (1881-1918)

Major William Robert Gregory M.C., was born on 20 May 1881, a son of Rt. Hon. Sir William Gregory, K.C.M.G., Coole Park, Co. Galway, and Augusta, daughter of the late Dudley Persse, of Roxburgh, Co. Galway. His early childhood was split between Ireland and England. In London, Robert ‘went to day school, and then in 1891 he was sent to Park Hill, a boarding school in Lyndhurst in Sussex.’¹ As Stephen Walker explains in his book, *Ireland’s Call*, ‘it was at Harrow that Robert Gregory’s love of cricket intensified. Compared to his previous schools he had a greater opportunity to play the game, and he was able to take part in regular competitive matches. He loved the game, and any free time he had away from the classrooms was spent throwing a cricket ball and practising his batting and bowling.’² In 1899 he went to Oxford University to read classics. In 1902, whilst there, he played for a team called the Oxford University Authentics but having failed to impress the selectors his ‘chance of progressing to the university’s cricketer elite swiftly disappeared.’³ He played cricket for Phoenix CC and Co. Galway. He played one first-class match for Ireland in 1912 when he took eight for 80 in Scotland’s second innings.⁴ Serving with the 66th Squadron Royal Flying Corps in Italy, Robert Gregory died on 23 January 1918, aged 36 years, when he was ‘killed in a training flight in the skies above Padova.’⁵ He is remembered with honour at Padua Main Cemetery, Italy.

GRANGER, ALBERT PIERCE (c.1866-1918)

Staff Sergeant Major Albert Pierce Granger was a son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Granger, Kidderminster. He was married to E. Sybil Granger, of “Fairlight”, Prospect Road, Ash Vale, Aldershot. For eight years he was manager and caterer to the Cricket Ground, Curragh Camp, Co. Kildare.⁶ He served with the 580th Company, Army Service Corps during the war. He died on 5 March 1918, aged 52 years. He is remembered with honour at Aldershot Military Cemetery, Hampshire, England.

LEARED, PAUL LUPUS (c.1881-1918)

Major Paul Lupus Leared was born in Co. Wexford, the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Leared. He was married to J. K. Leared, 6 Gillsland Road, Edinburgh. He played cricket while attending Dublin University. He was on the second XI in 1899 and the seconds and thirds in 1900. He also played for the Stoics in 1900.⁷ Mentioned in Despatches he served with the 7th

¹ For a detailed account of his life and career see Walker, *Ireland’s Call*, pp. 95-115.

² Walker. *Ireland’s Call*, p. 100.

³ Walker. *Ireland’s Call*, p. 101.

⁴ Renshaw. *Wisden on the Great War*, p. 405.

⁵ Walker. *Ireland’s Call*, p. 96.

⁶ This is the sole entry for which all information has been derived from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission website.

⁷ Information based on a database of Dublin University cricket players compiled by David Penney.

Gurkha Rifles. He died on 7 March 1918, aged 37 years. He is remembered with honour at Baghdad (North Gate) War Cemetery, Iraq.

SHIEL, JOHN HUBERT TREVOR (1898-1918)

Second Lieutenant John Hubert Trevor Shiel was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. John Shiel, Kilbegnet House, Roscommon.⁸ He was born in 1899 and was educated at St. Anthony's, Eastbourne. He left there in 1913 to attend Stonyhurst College, Lancashire. At Stonyhurst he was one of the best cricketers at the school 'possessing a beautiful style, with many pretty strokes on the off and one of the mainstays of the cricket XI'.⁹ He remained at Stonyhurst until 1916 when he passed into Sandhurst. At Sandhurst he obtained his commission in the 1st Battalion, The Dorsetshire Regiment, in October 1916. He was sent to France in November 1917. He was killed in action at Hourhulst Wood, north-west of Ypres, on 8 March 1918, aged 19 years. He is remembered with honour at Canada Farm Cemetery, on the Elverdinghe-Poperinghe Road, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

BELAS, REGINALD CHARLES WILLIAM (?-1918)

Second Lieutenant Reginald Charles William Belas was the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. C.W. Belas, Addison Villas, Bath, England. He was educated at Corrig School, Kingstown (now Dun Laoghaire). While attending Corrig School he played on the cricket XI featuring in matches against other schools.¹⁰ Having moved to New York he gave up his career and returned to Europe on the outbreak of war. After training he was gazetted to the 8th Battalion, Royal Dublin Fusiliers in February, 1917. In April of that year he went to France but shortly afterwards was wounded.¹¹ On recovering from his wounds he returned to France, but he was killed in action on 21 March 1918. He is remembered with honour at Unicorn Cemetery, Vendhuile, Aisne, France.

DE WIND, EDMUND (1883-1918)

Second Lieutenant Edmund De Wind V.C. was born in 1883, a son of Arthur Hughes De Wind and Margaret Jane (*née* Stone) De Wind, 'Kinvara', Comber, Co. Down. His father was chief engineer for the Belfast and County Down Railway.¹² Edmund attended Campbell College, Belfast from 1895 to 1900. He was a member of North Down CC.¹³ On finishing school Edmund worked with the Bank of Ireland in Cavan, before emigrating to Canada in 1910 'where he joined the Bank of Commerce'.¹⁴ When war broke out in Europe he enlisted with the 31st Battalion (Calgary Regiment) of the Canadian Expedition Force. He served in the machine-gun section in France from 1915 to 1917. He gained a commission which led to him being posted to the 36th (Ulster) Division in late 1917. He later served with 15th Battalion, Royal Irish Rifles. In

⁸ *Weekly Irish Times*, 23 March 1918, p. 6.

⁹ Irwin. *Stonyhurst War Record*, p. 264.

¹⁰ *The Irish Times*, 22 May 1901, p. 4.

¹¹ Our Heroes website. Online: <http://ourheroes.southdublinlibraries.ie/node/17514> (accessed 1 December 2015)

¹² Shields. *A History of North Down Cricket Club*, p. 49.

¹³ Hiles, *Senior Cricket in Ulster*, p. 96.

¹⁴ Shields. *A History of North Down Cricket Club*, p. 49.

the early morning of 21 March 1918 the Germans launched a major offensive called Operation Michael. Second-Lieutenant Edmund de Wind was pinned down but 'held his position for seven hours before another section came in support'.¹⁵ He was fatally wounded that day, aged 34 years.

Second Lieutenant Edmund de Wind was posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross for what *The London Gazette* described as the

Most conspicuous bravery and self-sacrifice on the 21st March, 1918, at the Race Course Redoubt, near Grougie. For seven hours he held this most important post, and though twice wounded and practically single-handed, he maintained his position until another section could be got to his help. On two occasions, with two N.C.O.'s only, he got out on top under heavy machine gun and rifle fire, and cleared the enemy out of the trench, killing many. He continued to repel attack after attack until he was mortally wounded and collapsed. His valour, self-sacrifice and example were of the highest order.¹⁶

He was the only Comber recipient of the Victoria Cross. Mount de Wind is named in his honour in Canada and De Wind Drive was named in his memory in his home town of Comber. He is remembered with honour at Pozieres Memorial, Somme, France. He is commemorated on a Great War memorial at the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Edmonton. He is also remembered in his home town of Comber, where apart from De Wind Drive, the Ulster History Circle unveiled a Blue Plaque in his honour on 14 September 2007.

KERNAGHAN, JAMES (?-1918)

Sergeant James Kernaghan was a member of Muckamore CC.¹⁷ During the war he saw action with the 15th Battalion, Royal Irish Rifles. His service number was 19584. He died on 21 March 1918. He is remembered with honour at Pozieres Memorial, Somme, France.

KIDD, WILLIAM SIDNEY (1895-1918)

Lieutenant William Sidney Kidd was born in Dublin, a son of Dr. Frederic William and Annie Armstrong Kidd, 17 Fitzwilliam Street Lower, Dublin. Dr. Kidd was a professor of midwifery and gynecology at the Royal College of Surgeons, Dublin. Sid, as William was known, was educated at Tipperary Grammar School, where he was on the cricket first XI in 1910. He served with the 2nd Battalion, Royal Munster Fusiliers. He was killed in action on 21 March 1918 in Epehy, France, aged 23 years.¹⁸ He is remembered with honour at Pozieres Memorial, Somme, France.

SCOTT, JOHN DAVIE (c.1890-1918)

Lieutenant-Colonel John Davie Scott was a son of Sir Lieutenant-Colonel Hopton B. Scott and Alice Jane Lady Scott, of Locksley, Shankill, Co. Dublin. He was educated at St. Columba's

¹⁵ Shields. *A History of North Down Cricket Club*, p. 49.

¹⁶ *The London Gazette*, 13 May 1919, Issue 31340, p. 6084

¹⁷ Hiles, *Senior Cricket in Ulster*, p. 96.

¹⁸ Trinity College Dublin. Kidd family letters. Online <http://www.tcd.ie/Library/1916/kidd-family-letters/> (accessed 2 July 2015)

College, Rathfarnham, Co. Dublin, where he played cricket for the school first XI.¹⁹ ‘On 18 September 1909 he was included in a list of ‘Gentlemen Cadets’ from the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst Military College to be second lieutenants. He was admitted to the Indian Army and was promoted to lieutenant on 8 November 1915. In the summer of 1917 he rose from the rank of captain through major to lieutenant-colonel in three months’.²⁰

Having been awarded the Distinguished Service Order, in 1918, Lieutenant-Colonel John D Scott was with the 2nd Battalion Royal Irish Regiment when he died in action on 21 March 1918, aged 28 years. He is commemorated on the War Memorial, Rathmichael Church of Ireland, Shankill, County Dublin, and the Memorial Plaque at St. Columba’s College, Rathfarnham. Finally he is remembered with honour at the Unicorn Cemetery, Vendhuile, Aisne, France.

MOORE, MORGAN EDWARD JELLETT (c.1894-1918)

Lieutenant Morgan Edward Jellett Moore M.C. was born at Letterkenny, Co. Donegal, a son of Edward and Nina Moore, ‘The Haven’, Teignmouth, Devon. He was educated at Aravon school, Bray, Co. Wicklow; Trinity College, Glenalmond, Perth and Kinross; and King’s College, Cambridge. He was in the Glenalmond XI in 1912 and 1913.²¹ He fought with the 2nd Battalion, Royal Irish Rifles. He died on 23 March 1918, aged 24 years. He is remembered with honour at Grand-Seraucourt British Cemetery, Aisne, France.

MILLER, HOWARD TODD (?-1918)

Lieutenant Howard Todd Miller was a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Henry Donaldson Miller, 16 Easton Crescent, Cliftonville Road, Belfast. He was educated at Skegoniel National School, from where he won an entrance scholarship into the Royal Belfast Academical Institution, subsequently matriculating into Queen’s University Belfast, where he was a member of the Officer Training Corps. Two years in succession he was a schoolboy footballer against England. He was on the cricket 1st XI at Inst in 1914 and 1915.²² He also got his place for Ulster against Leinster in the school cricket match in 1915. Before leaving ‘Inst’ he won the senior boxing championship. He obtained his commission in December 1916, aged 17 years.²³ He was a member of Ulster CC.²⁴ He served with the 18th Battalion, London Regiment (Royal Irish Rifles). He died sometime between 21 and 26 March 1918. He is remembered with honour at Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. He is also commemorated on the war memorial in the Common Hall at the R.B.A.I.

¹⁹ Kinsella. *Out of the Dark*, p. 161.

²⁰ Kinsella, *Out of the Dark*, p. 160.

²¹ Renshaw. *Wisden on the Great War*, p. 427.

²² My thanks to Dr Murray Power for this information.

²³ *Belfast Newsletter*, 5 April 1918, p. 6.

²⁴ Inst in the Great War. Online: <http://www.instgreatwar.com/page21.htm> (accessed 30 Mar. 2015)

NASH, JAMES HARAN (1898-1918)

Lieutenant James Haran Nash was born in 1898, the eldest son of Sir Vincent and Lady Nash, of Shannon View House, Kilmurry, Co. Limerick. He attended Downside School from September 1908 to July 1915.²⁵ While attending Downside he played with the junior cricket XI in 1911. Later on he played for the second football XV and for his house (Barlow) at cricket, football and hockey.²⁶ In May 1916 he was gazetted to the Irish Guards and received promotion in the following year. During the war he saw action on the Western Front with No. 1 Company, 1st Battalion, Irish Guards. He was killed in action on March 27, 1918, aged 20 years. He is remembered with honour at Bucquoy Road Cemetery, Ficheux, Pas de Calais, France. He is commemorated on the family plot in Mount Saint Lawrence graveyard in Limerick. He is also remembered on a memorial in the Baptistery of St. Munchin's Catholic Church in Limerick

BATEMAN, ARTHUR CYRIL (1890-1918)

Captain Arthur Cyril Bateman was the second son of Godfrey Bateman, LL.D., and Frances Emily Bateman, of 28, Clarinda Park East, Dun Laoghaire (formerly Kingstown), Co. Dublin. He was born on 31 October 1890 at Bailieborough, Co. Cavan. He was educated at Royal School Armagh and Trinity College Dublin. Arthur played for the Ulster Schools in the 1907, 1908 and 1909 schools' interprovincials. He scored 34, the second-highest contribution, in the first innings of the 1908 match and top-scored with 39 in Ulster's only innings in 1909, when they won by an innings.²⁷ He played cricket at Trinity appearing on the first XI in 1910, 1913 and 1914.²⁸ In between he played for the Long Vacation XI²⁹, the Medical School XI, F.R. Shaw's XI and Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital XI from 1910 to 1912.³⁰ In 1914, he was member of the Mr. J.W.F. Crawford Gentlemen of Ireland XI, in a rain interrupted match, against a past pupils eleven from Clongowes Wood College, County Kildare, played in conjunction with centenary celebrations at the school.³¹ He was one of four members of the University XI from 1913 who were killed in action. 'A right-hand bat he played two matches for Ireland, both against Scotland, in July 1913 and July 1914'.³² He was with the Royal Army Medical Corps when he was killed on 28 March 1918, aged 27 years. He is remembered with honour at Pozieres Memorial, Somme, France. He is also commemorated on Mariners Church War Memorial, Dun Laoighaire, Co. Dublin and on the Roll of Honour at Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital, Dublin.³³

²⁵ *The Downside Review* No. 109, p. 70.

²⁶ *The Downside Review* No. 109, p. 102.

²⁷ My thanks to Dr Murray Power for this information.

²⁸ *The Irish Times*, 19 May 1913, p. 5.

²⁹ *The Irish Times*, 4 August 1911, p. 8.

³⁰ Information based on a database of Dublin University cricket players compiled by David Penney.

³¹ *Freemans Journal*, 2 June 1914, p. 11.

³² Renshaw. *Wisden on the Great War*, p. 382.

³³ Casey, Cullen and Duignan. *Irish Doctors*, p. 220.

BUTLER, RICHARD (1881-1918)

Sergeant Richard Butler was a son of Joseph and Ellen Butler, Castle Street, Cahir, Co. Tipperary. Like many others in Cahir a youthful Richard was drawn to the local cricket club and he played with the town team from 1899 to 1903, playing for the club each year over these five seasons.³⁴ His brother Patrick was also an active member of the Cahir Park club.

At the time of the 1901 census Richard, aged 20, was living at home with his widowed mother and his nine siblings. His occupation was recorded as a Brewers accountant.

He enlisted in Vancouver and during the war saw active service with the Canadian Cavalry Machine Gun Squadron. His service number was 116055. In a letter to one of his brothers, John, a butcher in Tipperary Town, one of Richard's comrades wrote that he 'was very popular among the men and that he died a hero's death, having volunteered to take charge of a gun which had all its crew wounded. In the midst of a violent battle he was killed instantly by a shell'.³⁵ He died on 30 March 1918, aged 37 years. He has no known grave. Sgt. Richard Butler is commemorated on the Cahir War Memorial, Co. Tipperary. He is also remembered with honour Vimy Memorial, overlooking the Douai Plain, Pas de Calais, France.

ANDERSON, JOHN GEORGE (1889-1918)

Captain John George Anderson M.C. was the third son of James and Mary Anderson, Roselawn, Banbridge, County Down. He was born on 31 December 1889. His father was a Master Bleacher by occupation. John was educated at Campbell College Belfast from September 1902 to July 1906. He subsequently moved to university in Edinburgh where he shone on the hockey field. During his time in Edinburgh he also played cricket with the University XI he played with Campbell old boys Alfred Squire Taylor and John Hamilton Hood. Taylor would also die in the Great War.³⁶ He was a medical officer with a Black Watch Battalion.³⁷ He became a Lieutenant in the Royal Army Medical Corps on 31 October 1914, and was promoted to the rank of Captain on 1 May 1915. He was awarded the Military Cross on 1 January 1918. Capt. J.G. Anderson was killed in action on 21 March 1918, the first day of the German Spring Offensive.³⁸ He was 28 years old. He is remembered with honour at the Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais France.

HERBERT, LOUIE H. (c.1897-1918)

Lance Corporal Louie Herbert lived at 5 Marion Crescent, Clontarf, Dublin. Luke Herbert, at the turn of the century was an active cricketer for Clontarf CC and it was no surprise to find Louie playing for the club in his late teens. Appearing for Clontarf in 1901 he continued to feature on the first team, often featuring alongside A.H. Groser, who also died in the Great War.³⁹ In 1913,

³⁴ *Clonmel Chronicle*, 24 May 1899, p. 2; 29 August 1900, p. 3; 6 July 1901, p. 3; 20 August 1902, p. 4; 5 August 1903, p. 4.

³⁵ *Clonmel Chronicle*, 8 May 1918, p. 3.

³⁶ Walker. *Ireland's Call*, pp 200-02.

³⁷ *The Northern Whig*, 11 April 1918, p. 6.

³⁸ Casey, Cullen and Duignan. *Irish Doctors*, p. 212.

³⁹ *The Irish Times*, 27 May 1901, p. 3; 1 July 1912, p. 5; 26 August 1912, p. 11.

he played alongside another fatality of the war, John Boyd.⁴⁰ He served with the 1st/5th Battalion, Northumberland Fusiliers in Europe. He died on 10 April 1918, aged 21 years. Lance Corporal Louie Herbert is remembered with honour Ploegsteert Memorial, Hainaut, Belgium.

WARING, HOLT (c.1877-1918)

Major Holt Waring was a son of Thomas and Fanny Waring, Waringstown, Co. Down. The Waring family instrumental in their support of Waringstown CC.⁴¹ He was married to Margaret Waring, Waringstown, Co. Down. He served with the 13th Battalion attached to 12th Battalion, Royal Irish Rifles. He died at Nenal Hill on 15 April 1918, aged 41 years. He is remembered with honour at Wulverghem-Lindenhoek Road Military Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. He is also commemorated on the Waringstown War Memorial, Banbridge Road, Waringstown, County Down.

KENNEFICK, JOHN GEORGE HAMERTON (1885-1918)

Captain John George Hamerton Kennefick was a son of Dr. John S. and Malvina Penelope (*née* Hamerton) Kennefick, Auburn House, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary. He was grandson of General Hamerton C.B., Orchardstown, Clonmel, who gave all his military career serving with the Essex – old 44th – Regiment.

John G.H. Kennefick made one of his earliest appearances on the cricket fields of south Tipperary when he appeared on a W.R. Hatte XI, in Clonmel, in 1899, aged just fourteen years. Such was his interest in the game that, in 1912, he organized his own eleven, playing against the Clonmel Grammar School, regularly posting scores of thirty or more.⁴² He also played for Clonmel Asylum in their matches against Cahir Park in 1912, having previously appeared for the Asylum team in 1909 and 1910.⁴³ At the commencement of hostilities in Europe, Capt. Kennefick saw active service with the Essex Regiment. He was with the 3rd Battalion, but attached to the 2nd Battalion at the time of his death on 20 April 1918, aged 33 years.⁴⁴ After his death his mother received a report from a firm of London solicitors confirming that John G. H. Kennefick was killed in action at Bellerive, near Gonnehem.⁴⁵

For his parents, John's death was a third mournful loss for his family, following on from the early death of his sister Eveline, in 1897⁴⁶ and his brother Edward Hamerton Kennefick, who also served with the Essex Regiment and who also died in the Great War on 8 July 1916. Captain John G.H. Kennefick is remembered on the family memorial, along with his brother Edward, at St. Patrick's Cemetery, Waterford Road, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary. He is also remembered with honour at Gonnehem British Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France.

⁴⁰ *The Irish Times*, 19 May 1913, p. 5.

⁴¹ Hiles, *Senior Cricket in Ulster*, p. 96.

⁴² *Clonmel Chronicle*, 7 September 1912, p. 8; 18 September 1912, p. 8.

⁴³ *Nationalist*, 11 June 1910, p. 3.

⁴⁴ *Clonmel Chronicle*, 1 May 1918, p. 3.

⁴⁵ *Clonmel Chronicle*, 18 May 1918, p. 3.

⁴⁶ *The Nationalist*, 6 Feb. 1897, p. 3; 10 February 1897, p.3.

SHINE, JAMES (1881-1918)

Rev. James Shine was born on 11 April 1881 to Thomas and Mary Shine (*née* Anglim), Ballylaffin, Ardfinnan, Cahir, Co. Tipperary. He attended school at Gormanstown. While living at home he became a member of the Cahir Cricket Club. In 1905 he was a member of the Henry Inigo-Jones XI which took to the field against an eleven brought together by W.F.H. Watson.⁴⁷ He became a Roman Catholic priest for the Waterford diocese. He was ordained on 21 June 1908 at the Holy Trinity Cathedral Waterford, for the Diocese of Waterford and Lismore. From there he went ‘on loan to Dunkeld RC Diocese, Scotland’.⁴⁸

During the war he was a Chaplain 4th Class, and was with the Army Chaplain’s Department, attached to the 21st Battalion of the Middlesex Regiment. He died, on 21 April 1918, of wounds received while performing his duties at Boulogne, aged 37 years. He is another of the Cahir cricketers commemorated on the Cahir War Memorial, Co. Tipperary. He is also commemorated on the Aldershot Memorial. Finally, he is remembered with honour at Boulogne Eastern Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France.

SAUNDERSON, SAMUEL TREHERNE (?-1918)

Captain Samuel Treherne Saunderson was the sixth son of Mr. Llewellyn and Lady Rachel Saunderson. He was a well-known member of the County Kildare cricket XI.⁴⁹ He served with the 131st Squadron, Royal Air Force. He was a flying instructor, and at the time of his death was teaching a man who was driving the machine. He died on 22 April 1918. He is remembered with honour at Shawbury (St. Mary the Virgin) Churchyard, Shropshire, England.

HACKETT, LEARO AYLMEER HENRY (1884-1918)

Captain Learo Aylmer Henry Hackett, M.C., 10th Battalion Royal Irish Rifles was born in Estcourt, Natal, South Africa, on 22 June 1884. At that time his father was a civil engineer with the Natal Government Railways. He was the eldest and last surviving son of Edward Augustus and Emille Elliott Hackett, Castletown, Ballycumber, Co. Offaly, and formerly of Clonmel, Co. Tipperary. Edward Hackett was a civil engineer and Co. Surveyor for south Tipperary. The Hackett family had a close association with cricket in the south Tipperary town, with Capt. Hackett’s father an active playing member of the Clonmel Asylum CC, from 1901 to 1913.⁵⁰ He was also treasurer of the club. A youthful Learo played cricket with the local grammar school, with Mr. Bouchier’s XI, and he also appeared for the Clonmel Asylum club, alongside his father, in a match against a F.C. Burke XI, in May 1905.⁵¹

After leaving school he joined the Royal Munster Fusiliers, but he resigned a commission before the war started and engaged himself in rubber planting in the East. He answered the call in

⁴⁷ *Clonmel Chronicle*, 19 August 1905, p. 3.

⁴⁸ Burnell, Tom and Ruth. *The Tipperary War Dead: History of the Casualties of the First World War*. (Dublin, 2008), p. 317.

⁴⁹ *Kildare Observer*, 27 April 1918, p. 3.

⁵⁰ *Clonmel Chronicle*, 8 June 1901, p. 3; 28 May 1902, p. 3; 27 May 1905, p. 3; 1 June 1907, p. 3; 1 June 1910, p. 2. *The Nationalist*, 24 May 1911, p. 5; 24 May 1913, p. 5.

⁵¹ *Clonmel Chronicle*, 19 September 1903, p. 3; 27 May 1905, p. 3.

January 1916, from Ceylon, and was posted to his old regiment initially, and later to the Royal Irish Rifles.⁵² He received the Military Cross in 1917. He was killed in action at Ypres, Belgium, on 24 April 1918, aged 33 years, while serving with the 2nd Royal Irish Rifles.⁵³

His brother Eric Adrian Nethercote Hackett, also died in the Great War.

In St. Mary's Church of Ireland, Tipperary Town, is erected a brass memorial to thirty-nine old boys of the Tipperary Grammar School, (also known as The Abbey), who gave their lives in the Great War. Amongst those listed is Captain L.A. Hackett, M.C. R.I.R. He is also commemorated on the Great War memorial in Old St. Mary's Church, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary. He is also remembered with honour at Minty Farm Cemetery.

WALSH, JOSEPH G. (?-1918)

Corporal Joseph G. Walsh was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Walsh, Abbey, Street, Cahir, Co. Tipperary. His family was associated with Cahir Park Association Football Club in the years after it was founded in 1910.⁵⁴ Joseph also played cricket with Cahir Park CC. A wireless operator, he served with the Royal Engineers during the war in Europe. He was exposed to gas on 19 April 1918 and in writing to his father, Lieutenant Marsh, of his company, stated that he 'refused to give in until his task was completed'.⁵⁵ Unfortunately, Cpl. Walsh died from the effects of gas inhalation seven days later, on 26 April 1918. On Sunday, 27 October 1918 at a ceremony in Cahir, his father received the medal which was won by his son for bravery on the field. The presentation was made by Lieut.-Colonel Burns Lindow, D.S.O. who commanded the South Irish Horse at Cahir Barracks, in front of a full parade of officers and men on the large square.⁵⁶

SOMERS, JAMES (1894-1918)

Sergeant James Somers V.C. was a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Somers, of Cloughjordan, Co. Tipperary. He was born in Belturbet, Co. Cavan, on 12 June 1894. James was the son of a master carpenter and sexton with the Church of Ireland. The family moved to several locations around Ireland before settling in Cloughjordan, Co. Tipperary, around 1912, living at Church Road.⁵⁷ James was a footman in Bantry House a couple of years before he joined the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers where 'he was a keen cricketer, and a great man to throw in from the outfield'.⁵⁸ During the war he served with the Army Service Corps. He stopped three German bullets in Flanders on 21 August 1914 and after hospital treatment in England he returned to the front. When the opportunity came his way to go to the Dardanelles he took it and spent four months there. He was awarded the Victoria Cross for his efforts in recapturing a trench which had been lost. *The London Gazette* recorded this tribute to him:

⁵² *Clonmel Chronicle*, 1 May 1918, p. 3.

⁵³ Taylor. *The 2nd Royal Irish Rifles*, p. 246.

⁵⁴ Buckley, Paul. *Cahir Park A.F.C.: Cameos of a Century 1910-2010*, p. 11.

⁵⁵ *Clonmel Chronicle*, 8 May 1918, p. 3.

⁵⁶ *Clonmel Chronicle*, 30 October 1918, p. 2.

⁵⁷ *Nenagh Guardian*, 18 July 2015, p. 18.

⁵⁸ *Skibbereen Eagle*, 16 October 1915, p. 4.

For most conspicuous bravery on the night of 1st -2nd July, 1915, in the Southern Zone of the Gallipoli Peninsula, when, owing to hostile bombing, some of our troops had retired from a sap, Serjeant Somers remained alone on the spot until a party brought up bombs. He then climbed over into the Turkish trench, and bombed the Turks with great effect. Later on he advanced into the open under very heavy fire and held back the enemy by throwing bombs into their flank until a barricade had been established. During this period he frequently ran to and from our trenches to obtain fresh supplies of bombs. By his great gallantry and coolness Serjeant Somers was largely instrumental in effecting the recapture of a portion of our trench which had been lost.⁵⁹

He died back home in Tipperary on 7 May 1918, aged 24 years, due to lung trouble contracted in France. He was interred with full military honours at Modreeny Church of Ireland Churchyard. The 3rd Camerons from Limerick formed the guard of honour and firing party, while the “Dead March in Saul” was played by their band.⁶⁰ He is named on the Regimental Memorial at St. Anne’s Cathedral, Belfast. He is commemorated on the Victoria Cross Commemorative Paving Stone, Cross of Sacrifice, at Glasnevin Cemetery, Dublin. He is also commemorated with a Blue Plaque at Belturbet Church of Ireland, Co. Cavan. He is also remembered on a plaque at Modreeny Church, Co. Tipperary.

HALL, DAVID HENRY (1890-1918)

Captain David Henry Hall was a son of Frederick and Ellen Hall, Lakeview, Blackrock, Co. Cork. His father was a solicitor by profession. David was a student at Trinity College Dublin. While there he played on the Dublin University first XI in 1911.⁶¹ He was with the Royal Army Medical Corps when he died on 14 May 1918, aged 27 years. He is remembered with honour at Pernes British Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France.

FFRENCH, GEORGE EDWARD (1899-1918)

Second Lieutenant George Edward Ffrench was a son of Rev. Le B. Edward and Violet S. Ffrench, of Kilconnell Rectory, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway. He was born at Shinrone Rectory, Co. Offaly, on 5 June 1899.⁶² He was educated at Chesterfield School, Birr, Co. Offaly, and Trent College, Derbyshire. At the latter school George became head of his house and was a member of the cricket XI and rugby XV.⁶³ He joined the Royal Air Force in August 1917, and received his commission after examination in December. He completed his training at Wyton and Marske, obtaining his ‘wings’ in March 1918.⁶⁴ He was with the 27th Squadron when he was killed in action on 23 May 1918, aged 18 years. He is remembered with honour at Pernes British Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France.

⁵⁹ *The London Gazette*, (supplement) Issue 29281, p. 8700.

⁶⁰ *Nenagh Guardian*, 11 May 1918, p. 3.

⁶¹ Information based on a database of Dublin University cricket players compiled by David Penney.

⁶² *Tuam Herald*, 8 June 1918, p. 2.

⁶³ Renshaw. *Wisden on the Great War*, p. 398.

⁶⁴ *Weekly Irish Times*, 8 June 1918, p. 2.

HILL, MARSHALL ALFRED (c.1888-1918)

Private Marshall Alfred Hill was a son of Peter and Susan Hill, of Montra, Ballymcelligott, Co. Kerry. His service number was 29484 and he was a private with the Royal Dublin Fusiliers. He was educated at Lismore College, Co. Waterford. For many years he was connected with the Estates Department of the Irish Land Commission. He was well known in rugby football and cricket circles.⁶⁵ He was one of the best all-rounders for Merrion CC, from 1907 to 1917.⁶⁶ He enlisted as a private and was attached to the Royal Dublin Fusiliers. He was fatally wounded in Flanders on 31 May 1918, aged 30 years. He is remembered with honour at Aire Communal Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France.

TYRRELL, JOHN MARCUS (c.1895-1918)

Captain John Marcus Tyrrell was the fourth son of Mr and Mrs John Tyrrell, J.P. and Jeanie Tyrrell (*née* Todd) of Fairview Buildings, Crumlin Road, Belfast, and later at 'The Cairn', Ballyholme, Bangor, Co. Down. John was educated at Royal Belfast Academical Institution, where he played cricket for the 1st XI in 1912 and 1913.⁶⁷ He was a member of the Queen's University Belfast Officer Training Corps and studying as a medical student, when he enlisted with the 3rd Battalion Royal Irish Fusiliers. He received his commission in the 3rd (Reserve) Battalion Princess Victoria's Royal Irish Fusiliers on 15 August 1914. He obtained his second star on 3 July 1915 and was promoted to the rank of Captain on 10 March 1916.⁶⁸ On going to the front in 1915 he was posted to the 1st Battalion, and was wounded in May of that year. He spent the winter of 1915 in the trenches with the Faugh-a-Ballaghs, and in the spring of 1916 was seconded for service with the Royal Flying Corps. Marcus was granted two months medical leave on 15th November 1916 on account of 'debility and anaemia'.⁶⁹ He is remembered with honour at Boulogne Eastern Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France. He is commemorated on the war memorial in the Common Hall at the R.B.A.I. He is also commemorated on the Bangor Memorial, County Down. His brother Walter Alexander Tyrrell also fell during the war.

KERR, ROBERT GOODMAN (1889-1918)

Major Robert Goodman Kerr M.C. was born in 1889, the youngest son of Rev. S.R. Kerr, Rector of Howth, Co. Dublin and Mrs. Kerr. He entered Campbell College in 1899 and he then entered Trinity College Dublin four years later. While at Trinity he had the distinction of being on the rugby XV, the cricket XI and the hockey XI.⁷⁰ He married Charlotte J. Linde, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Linde, 'Hillside', Delgany, Co. Wicklow in December 1916. Early in the war he received a commission in 7th Battalion, Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers (Irish Division). As a second lieutenant he served for a while in Tipperary. Promoted to the rank of Captain he was wounded

⁶⁵ *Weekly Irish Times*, 22 June 1918, p. 2; Renshaw. *Wisden on the Great War*, p. 411.

⁶⁶ Little and Parkinson. *Merrion*, p. 32.

⁶⁷ My thanks to Dr Murray Power for this information.

⁶⁸ *The Belfast Newsletter*, 24 June 1918, p. 3.

⁶⁹ Inst in the Great War. Online: <http://www.instgreatwar.com/page27.htm> (accessed 5 November 1918)

⁷⁰ *Weekly Irish Times*, 27 July 1918, p. 2.

in 1916.⁷¹ He survived and rose to the rank of Major. He was named in the New Year Honours of 1917 when he was awarded the Military Cross. He was killed in action on 11 July 1918, aged 28 years. He is remembered with honour at Bertenacre Military Cemetery, Fletre, Nord, France.

CRAIG, ISAAC MURRAY (1891-1918)

Captain Issac Murray Craig was born on 4 January 1891, son of Mr and Mrs Isaac Craig, Auburn House, Athlone, Co. Westmeath. His father was a National Schools Inspector. The family later moved to Cork. Isaac Murray attended school at Campbell College, Belfast from September 1905 to December 1909. He was on the rugby 1st XV 1908-1909, and on the cricket 1st XI 1908-1909.⁷² He got his commission as a Second Lieutenant in October 1914 having taken his engineering degree in September. He gained the rank of Lieutenant in 1915, and was subsequently Captain, 66 Field Company, Royal Engineers. An engineer by profession Captain Todd had fought at Gallipoli and in the Balkans. He was killed during night work in Judaea on 22 August 1918. Captain Isaac Murray Craig is remembered with honour at Ramleh War Cemetery, Israel.

CUNNINGHAM, PATRICK J. (c.1899-1918)

Second Lieutenant Patrick J. Cunningham was the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham, Avoca House, Blackrock, Co. Dublin.⁷³ Paddy, as he was popularly called, was educated at Belvedere College and played rugby in the Junior and Senior XVs up to the season, 1916-17. 'He was regarded as one of the best school three quarter backs in Leinster, and those who followed school football during the season 1914-15 will remember his great performances as centre three quarter in the Junior Schools Cup competition. Going on to the senior XV, he secured his inter provincial schools cap in his first season, playing against Ulster and Munster. He was also a good cricketer and played many a useful innings. P.J. Cunningham played for the Leinster Schools in 1915 and 1916. He scored 26 and 10 in the first match and top-scored with 20 as they were bowled out for 34 in the first innings of the second.⁷⁴ Shortly after leaving college he joined the Royal Air Force'.⁷⁵ He served with the 55th Squadron. He died on 30 August 1918, aged 19 years. He is remembered with honour at Charmes Military Cemetery, Essegney, Vosges, France.

MERRICK, THOMAS BARKER (c.1893-1918)

Captain Thomas Barker Merrick M.C. was the second son of the Rev. W.B. and Mary M. Merrick, Adare, Co. Limerick. Rev. Merrick was a Methodist minister. Thomas was born in Larne, Co. Antrim and educated at Wesley College, from where he graduated to Arts at Trinity College Dublin. He was a member of Old Wesley RFC and he was also a keen cricketer and swimmer. Having moved to Egypt he returned to Ireland at the outbreak of the war and obtained

⁷¹ *Belfast Newsletter*, 8 June 1916, p. 8.

⁷² *The Campbellian* Vol. IV, p. 131.

⁷³ *Weekly Irish Times*, 7 September 1918, p. 2.

⁷⁴ My thanks to Dr Murray Power for this information.

⁷⁵ *Freeman's Journal*, 5 September 1918, p. 2.

his commission in the North Staffordshire regiment from the Dublin University Officer Training Corps. From this he was transferred to the Machine Gun Company.⁷⁶ He was awarded the Military Cross in 1917 and obtained his captaincy in March 1918. He was last seen leading an attack on the German lines and was killed in action, with the 4th Battalion Machine Gun Corps (Infantry), on 2 September 1918, aged 25 years. He is remembered with honour at Vis-En-Artois British Cemetery, Haucourt, Pas de Calais, France.

MOLLOY, JOSEPH GEALE (1894-1918)

Lieutenant Joseph Geale Molloy M.C. was a son of Joseph Geale and Elizabeth Emily Molloy. He was educated at King's Hospital, Blackhall Place, Dublin. He was well known as a cricketer. When war commenced Joseph Geale Molloy was one of the first members of the Bank of Ireland staff to enlist. He spent two years in Italy and France, being severely wounded at Loos. Fighting with the 1st Battalion Norfolk Regiment he was killed in action on 2 September 1918, aged 24 years.⁷⁷ He is remembered with honour at Grevillers British Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France.

GEDDIS, SAMUEL MCKEE (1893-1918)

Lieutenant Samuel Mckee Geddis was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Geddis, Tullynakil House, Comber, Co. Down. He was a member of North Down CC.⁷⁸ Prior to the war Samuel worked with Messrs. Moorehead and Wood, solicitors, Rosemary Street, Belfast, where he was widely known among the members of the legal profession. He obtained his commission through the O.T.C., Queen's University, Belfast, in July 1915, and was gazetted to the Leicestershire Regiment.⁷⁹ In November 1915 he went to France with the Irish Division. He was with the 1st Battalion of the Leicestershire Regiment when he died on 19 September 1918, aged 25 years. He is remembered with honour at Trefcon British Cemetery, Caulaincourt, Aisne, France.

NORTH, HARRY LONSDALE (c.1895-1918)

Lieutenant Harry Lonsdale North was a son of Frank Lonsdale and Isabella Diana North, Chatsfort, Merrion, Co. Dublin. There is a possibility that he played for the Dublin University cricket third XI in 1912.⁸⁰ During the Great War he served with the 3rd Battalion attached to 2nd Battalion, Royal Irish Regiment. He died on 27 September 1918, aged 23 years. He is remembered with honour at Moeuvres Communal Cemetery Extension, Nord, France.

O'FARRELL, ARCHIBALD HUGH (1899-1918)

Second Lieutenant Archibald Hugh O'Farrell was born in 1899, the only son of Sir Edward O'Farrell, K.C.B., and Dorothy, Lady O'Farrell, of Cuil-na-greine, Carrickmines, Co. Dublin. He

⁷⁶ *Weekly Irish Times*, 28 September 1918, p. 2.

⁷⁷ *The Irish Times*, 9 September 1918, p. 4.

⁷⁸ Hiles, *Senior Cricket in Ulster*, p. 96.

⁷⁹ *Belfast Newsletter*, 3 October 1918, p. 2.

⁸⁰ Information based on a database of Dublin University cricket players compiled by David Penney. N. North appeared on the listing which David Penney has suggested may be H.L. North.

attended Downside School from September 1908 to July 1917.⁸¹ Described as ‘a clever and capable boy’ he took part in many school activities.⁸² He played in the first football XV in 1915, and in the second hockey XI in 1916. At various times he played football, hockey and cricket for his house (Caverel).⁸³ In the Officer Training Corps he was successively Lance-Corporal, Sergeant, and Cadet Officer. On leaving school he was awarded the Gregorian Scholarship. After training at Bushey, he was gazetted to the Irish Guards in February 1918. He went to the Front in May with the 1st Battalion, Irish Guards. He was killed in action on 27 September, 1918, aged 19 years. Lieutenant P.R. Barry, who was in school with him at Downside, wrote that ‘he was hit by a machine gun bullet during the advance on the 27th. The first wound was bad, and a sergeant in his platoon tried to bin it up. As he was doing so, another bullet went through the sergeant’s fingers and killed Hugh at once. He can have suffered no pain’.⁸⁴ Second Lieutenant O’Farrell is remembered with honour at Sanders Keep Military Cemetery, Graincourt-Les-Havrincourt, Pas de Calais, France.

RENTOUL, JAMES LAWRENCE (c1885-1918)

Private James Lawrence Rentoul was born in England around 1885, the son of Rev. Robert W. and Caroline (*née* Wylie) Rentoul. His family subsequently moved to Clonmel, Co. Tipperary where his father was a Presbyterian clergyman. James attended Clonmel Grammar School and he played cricket for the school eleven in 1900, 1902 and 1903. In 1907, he played for the Clonmel Asylum team, at that time the strongest civilian team in the town, mindful that cricket was heading into decline in the county at that juncture. James married Eileen Rentoul (*née* Moore), of ‘Fircroft’, Hawthornden Road, Knock, Co. Down. James was a Presbyterian Minister in Rostrevor, Co. Down, and he was a nephew of Mr. Justice Wylie, Dublin, and of Dr. Wylie, Crown Solicitor for Co. Down.

It was in May 1918 when Rev. Rentoul volunteered for service with the army. Every member of the congregation of Rostrevor Presbyterian Church contributed towards the presentation of a cheque to him, which was made in a letter from the congregational treasurer, Mr. D.C. Sinton. At a service in his church Rev. Rentoul told his congregation that ‘it would be the proudest moment of his life when he became a member of the glorious British Army....He was going to minister to and help the wounded,’ he continued.⁸⁵ He served with the 91st Field Ambulance with the Royal Army Medical Corps. Rev. James Rentoul died on 30 September 1918, aged 33 years. His remains were interred in La Baraque British Cemetery, Bellenglise, Departement de l’Aisne, Picardie, France, where he is remembered with honour. He is also commemorated on the war memorial at Queen’s University, Belfast.

⁸¹ *The Downside Review* No. 109, p. 71.

⁸² *The Downside Review* No. 109, p. 112.

⁸³ *The Downside Review* No. 109, p. 112.

⁸⁴ *The Downside Review* No. 109, p. 113.

⁸⁵ *Clonmel Chronicle*, 18 May 1918, p. 3.

KERNAGHAN, JOHN (?-1918)

Second Lieutenant John Kernaghan was the second son of Mr and Mrs William Bell, Spencer Street, Belfast. He enlisted with the Royal Irish Rifles on the formation of the Ulster Division and was wounded at the Battle of the Somme, on 1 July 1916, and at Ypres on 16 August, 1917. Well known in athletic circles, he was a member of Muckamore CC.⁸⁶ He served with the 9th Battalion, Royal Irish Fusiliers. Prior to receiving his commission he held the rank of sergeant in the Rifles and was gazetted to the Royal Irish Fusiliers on 25 July 1918.⁸⁷ He was married on 5 July 1918. He died on 1 October 1918. He is remembered with honour at Ypres Reservoir Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

BRUCE, GEORGE JAMES (1880-1918)

Captain George James Bruce D.S.O., M.C. and Bar was born on 3 June 1880, the eldest son of Samuel and Julia Bruce, of Norton Hall, Campden, Gloucestershire.⁸⁸ His father was Scottish and his mother was of the Colthurst family, Co. Cork, a family synonymous with cricket.⁸⁹ He was married to Hilda Bruce, Corriewood, Castlewellan, Co. Down. He was on the Winchester XI in 1898-99.⁹⁰ He moved to live and work in Comber, Co. Down, where he 'took up the position of managing director at the Comber Distilleries Company where his father was chairman'.⁹¹ He was a member of North Down CC.⁹² Like many other of his contemporaries he was also a playing member of the North of Ireland CC.⁹³ He had a plus 2 handicap in golf, he was a magnificent shot, and he was a fine lawn tennis and billiard player.⁹⁴

On the formation of the Ulster Division he obtained a commission as captain in the 13th Royal Irish Rifles (1st County Down Volunteers), which was then commanded by Colonel H.W. Savage, C.M.G., and accompanied that battalion overseas in October 1915. He was then appointed a General Staff Officer in January 1916 and was mentioned in despatches by Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig in connection with the opening of the Battle of the Somme, on 1 July 1916. On the occasion of the King's birthday, on 3 June 1917, he was Captain Bruce was awarded the Military Cross for distinguished service in the field, and on 11 August of that same year he became a Brigade Major. In the Battle of Cambrai he gained a Bar to his Military, early in 1918, for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty.⁹⁵ During 1918 he was appointed a Companion of the Distinguished Service Order, this being his third distinction during the war for bravery. He was killed in action on 2 October 1918, aged 38 years. He is remembered on 'the war memorial in Comber Square, on a stone tablet in St. Mary's Parish Church, on a street called

⁸⁶ Hiles, *Senior Cricket in Ulster*, p. 96.

⁸⁷ *Weekly Telegraph*, 12 October 1918.

⁸⁸ *Northern Whig*, 8 October 1918, p. 8.

⁸⁹ Shields. *A History of North Down Cricket Club*, p. 50.

⁹⁰ Renshaw. *Wisden on the Great War*, p. 386.

⁹¹ Shields. *A History of North Down Cricket Club*, p. 50.

⁹² Hiles. *Senior Cricket in Ulster*, p. 96. Shields. *A History of North Down Cricket Club*, pp 49-50.

⁹³ *The Irish Times*, 4 August 1908, p. 7; 1 Aug. 1911, p. 8. Shields. *A History of North Down Cricket Club*, p. 50.

⁹⁴ *Belfast Newsletter*, 8 October 1918, p. 3.

⁹⁵ *Irish Independent*, 26 January 1918, p. 5.

Bruce Avenue in that town and on a special war memorial tribute at North of Ireland Cricket Club'.⁹⁶ He is also remembered with honour at Dadizeele New British Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

MOSSE, WILLIAM OLIVER MATLESS (1860-1918)

Colonel William Oliver Matless Mosse was born on 3 March 1860 in India. He was commissioned into the West Cork Artillery in March 1879. He was promoted to Lieutenant-Colonel in the Indian Army in July 1904. 'He played a single match for Europeans against Hindus in the final of the Bombay Triangular Tournament at Bombay in September 1908'.⁹⁷ He was with the 1st Garrison Battalion, Royal Munster Fusiliers when he died on 10 October 1918, aged 58 years. He is remembered with honour at Grangegorman Military Cemetery, Dublin.

TROTTER, CLAUDE HANDLEY (c.1895-1918)

Lieutenant Claude Handley Trotter was a son of the Rev. Canon John Crawford Trotter and Fanny R. Trotter, The Rectory, Ardrahan, County Galway. He attended Galway Grammar School and while there he played on the Galway Grammar School XI.⁹⁸ He was also a former pupil of Armagh Royal School where he won his place on the cricket and football teams.⁹⁹ During the war he served with the Regimental Depot (Alberta), Canadian Infantry when he died on 13 October 1918, aged 23 years. He is remembered with honour at Chigwell Row (All Saints) Churchyard, Essex, England.

PATTERSON, ARTHUR HENRY (c.1886-1918)

Lieutenant Arthur Henry Patterson was a son of John and Jane Patterson, The Green, Ramelton, Co. Donegal. In 1906, he played cricket while attending Dublin University. He was also on the Long Vacation XI in 1910.¹⁰⁰ He served with the Royal Inniskilling fusiliers. He died on 14 October 1918, aged 32 years. He is remembered with honour at Dadizeele New British Cemetery, West-Vaanderen, Begium.

MYLES, CHARLES WILLIAM CHESTER (1885-1918)

Major Charles William Chester Myles, M.C., was born on 5 November 1885, the younger son of Dr. And Mrs James Peacocke Myles, Duke Street, Birr, Co. Offaly. He was educated at Galway Grammar School, Dublin University and Richmond Hospital, where he graduated from in 1912. He was described as 'a born athlete' who played every game well, especially cricket. He was an excellent bat and a useful wicket keeper. He captained his school XI and he also played for Birr CC and Corolanty CC in Co. Offaly. He moved to Wales after he graduated from Richmond Hospital where he was in a colliery practice, being assistant to Dr. C. Richardson White, Merthyr

⁹⁶ Shields. *A History of North Down Cricket Club*, p. 50.

⁹⁷ Renshaw. *Wisden on the Great War*, p. 427.

⁹⁸ Renshaw. *Wisden on the Great War*, p. 448.

⁹⁹ *Belfast Newsletter*, 24 October 1918, p. 4.

¹⁰⁰ Information based on a database of Dublin University cricket players compiled by David Penney.

Vale, Glamorgan. A member of the Dublin University Officer Training Corps from the beginning Charles was gazetted Lieutenant in the 2nd Welsh Field Ambulance (Territorial Force) shortly after arriving in South Wales. He also became involved with the local cricket scene in South Wales where he soon became a member of Hill's Plymouth CC first XI, which at that time was one of the strongest sides in Wales.

When the Territorial Force was mobilised in August 1914, he immediately joined the unit and after undergoing training in England he embarked for the Dardanelles in July 1915, having been promoted Captain a short while previously. After serving in the Dardanelles, he moved to Egypt and Palestine, all the while working except for a short leave home in November 1916. For his work at the first battle of Gaza he was mentioned in despatches. He was awarded the Military Cross in January 1918 for being 'untiring in his efforts to get the wounded away,' and also that 'he worked unceasingly during the night, March 26-27, 1917, to recover wounded left on the battlefield – a most difficult task in pitch darkness'.¹⁰¹ He suffered a breakdown in health due to overwork and only had returned to duty in September 1918 after spending six weeks in hospital. He developed pneumonia from which he died on 19 October 1918, a couple of weeks short of his thirty-third birthday. Major Charles W.C. Myles is remembered with honour at Ramleh War Cemetery, Israel.

HEWSON, FALKINER MELTON (1885-1918)

Captain Falkiner Melton Hewson was born on 30 May 1885, the son of Falkiner Francis John Hewson and Frances Alice Maunsell, Stillorgan Park, and Leeson Park, Dublin. Like others remembered in this series, he too attended school Tipperary Grammar School. He played on the Abbey cricket XI in 1902.¹⁰²

He gained the rank of Lieutenant on 4 February 1908 in the service of the Royal Army Medical Corps (RAMC). He subsequently gained the rank of Captain on 4 February 1911 in the service of the RAMC. He served in India 1910-14, in France and Belgium 1914-16, and India again from 1916-18.¹⁰³ He died on 22 October 1918 at Mhow, Rajputana, India, from influenza, aged 33 years. He is remembered on the Abbey School memorial to the Abbey Old Boys who died in the Great War, at St. Mary's Church, Tipperary Town. He is also remembered with honour at Mhow New Cemetery, India. He is commemorated on the Roll of Honour at the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland.

SMYTH, GEORGE BOSTALL JENKINSON (1890-1918)

Captain George Bostall Jenkinson Smyth was born on 23 July 1890, a son of James Davis and Charlotte (*née* Jenkinson) Smyth, of Milltown House, Banbridge, Co. Down. He attended Portora Royal School, Co. Fermanagh from 1903-08. George played for Ulster in the schools interprovincials, in 1909, scoring a valuable 28 as they built a first-innings lead of 155.¹⁰⁴ He

¹⁰¹ *Midland Counties Advertiser*, 31 October 1918, p. 2.

¹⁰² *Clonmel Chronicle*, 14 June 1902, p. 3.

¹⁰³ Casey, Cullen and Duignan. *Irish Doctors*, p. 329.

¹⁰⁴ My thanks to Dr Murray Power for this information.

subsequently attended Trinity College, Dublin. While at Trinity he was a useful member of the cricket XI and hockey XI. He also played frequently for the Banbridge cricket and hockey teams. He obtained his commission on 25 August 1914 through the Officer Training Corps.¹⁰⁵ A member of the Irish Bar, he worked on the North-East circuit where he was known as Hellfire Smyth¹⁰⁶. He went to Europe with the 6th Battalion, Royal Irish Rifles. He was injured in August 1915 and was treated at the 19th Hospital, Alexandria. He died on 22 October 1918, aged 28 years. Captain George B.J. Smyth is remembered with honour at Harlebeke New British Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

CUMING, ARTHUR ERIC MacMorrough (1898-1918)

Captain Arthur Eric MacMorrough Cuming M.C. was born in June 1898, the only son of Lieut-Colonel and Mrs. A.E Cuming, Laurentinum, Co. Cork. He attended Downside School from January 1912, leaving in June 1915.¹⁰⁷ He played in the junior cricket XI and in the colts' football XV in 1913. In 1914 he was on the cricket second XI and on the football first XV. An all round sportsman he was on the second hockey XI in 1915. He also represented his house (Caverel) at cricket, football, hockey tennis and sports.¹⁰⁸

After passing through Sandhurst, he received a commission in the Royal Irish Fusiliers and was sent to the Western Front. He received the Bar to the Military Cross in September 1918 "when in charge of a party of scouts raiding an enemy post to obtain identification, he led his men through a gap in the wire, and charged the post".¹⁰⁹ On the same day he also received the Military Cross "when on patrol with four other ranks he engaged an enemy patrol, killing four and dispersing the remainder in a hand-to-hand struggle".¹¹⁰ He was with the 1st Battalion, Royal Irish Fusiliers when he was wounded in action on October 21, 1918. He died a few days later in a British Red Cross Hospital on October 26, 1918, aged twenty years. He is remembered with honour at Terlincthun British Cemetery, Wimille, Pas de Calais, France. He is also remembered on the War Memorial, Heroes' Column, St Fin Barre's Cathedral, Cork.

ARBUTHNOT, LENNOX STANLEY (c.1896-1918)

Captain Lennox Stanley Arbuthnot was a son of Capt. Lennox Conyngham Arbuthnot (late Suffolk Regiment) and Mabel Arbuthnot. He attended the Royal School Armagh. While there he acquitted himself very well on the cricket field. He played for Ulster in the 1913 interprovincial.¹¹¹ During the war he served with 21st Wing, Royal Air Force, when he was killed in a plane crash on 1 November 1918, age 22 years. Captain Lennox S. Arbuthnot is remembered with honour at Wolvercote Cemetery, Oxfordshire, England.

¹⁰⁵ *The Irish Times*, 28 August 1915, p.7.

¹⁰⁶ Quinn. *Wigs and Guns*, p. 116.

¹⁰⁷ *The Downside Review* No. 109, p. 60.

¹⁰⁸ *The Downside Review* No. 109, p. 114.

¹⁰⁹ *The Downside Review* No. 109, p. 95.

¹¹⁰ *The Downside Review* No. 109, p. 96.

¹¹¹ My thanks to Dr Murray Power for this information.

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Trooper M.J. Alexander was a member of North Down CC. He served in the war with the North Irish Horse and was killed in action.¹¹²

BAXTER, A.E.

Lieutenant A.E. Baxter served during the war with the 3rd South Lancashire Regiment. He was another member of North Down CC who was also killed in action.¹¹³

CARRUTHERS, W.

Second Lieutenant W. Carruthers was also a member of North Down CC. He served in the war with the Royal Engineers and was also killed in action.¹¹⁴

CULVERWELL, J.S.

Captain J.S. Culverwell served with the 59th Royal Scinde Rifles Frontier Force during the Great War. Mentioned in Despatches he was also killed in action. He too was a member of North Down CC.¹¹⁵

DUNN, J.

J. Dunn was educated at Belvedere College, Dublin. He played cricket for the College XI.¹¹⁶ Though he was killed in the Great War, unfortunately further information on his life and career has not yet been identified.

GRANT, J.C.

J.C. Grant was one of the eight members of Cregagh CC, Belfast to die in the war.¹¹⁷ Unfortunately further information on his life and career has not yet been identified.

KERR, R.F.

R.F. Kerr was a member of North Down CC who was also killed in action during the Great War. He served with the 18th (Reserve) Battalion Royal Irish Rifles.¹¹⁸

MCDOWELL, R.

R. McDowell was another of the eight members of Cregagh CC, Belfast to die in the war.¹¹⁹ Unfortunately further information on his life and career has not yet been identified. A soldier by

¹¹² Shields. *A History of North Down Cricket Club*, p. 48.

¹¹³ Shields. *A History of North Down Cricket Club*, p. 48.

¹¹⁴ Shields. *A History of North Down Cricket Club*, p. 48.

¹¹⁵ Shields. *A History of North Down Cricket Club*, p. 48.

¹¹⁶ *The Irish Times*, 28 June 1909, p. 4.

¹¹⁷ *Cregagh Cricket Club 100 not out*, p. 39.

¹¹⁸ Shields. *A History of North Down Cricket Club*, p. 48.

the name of R. McDowell is commemorated on the war memorial at Queen's University, Belfast, but it is unclear if the two names are for the same man.



Roll of Honour Cregagh Cricket Club Pic: courtesy Graham Watt

¹¹⁹ *Cregagh Cricket Club 100 not out*, p. 39.

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CARROLL, JAMES F.J.R. (1888-1919)

Captain James F.J.R. Carroll was the second of three sons born to Redmond Francis and Josephine Mary Carroll, 24 Lower Fitzwilliam Street, Dublin. He attended Belvedere in 1898, 'where he was always known as 'Bob'. He was Captain of the school Senior Rugby XV in both the 1904-5 and 1905-6 seasons. He played at out-half. Bob Carroll was also captain of the Senior Cricket XI in both 1905 and 1906 (and after leaving school was a member of Pembroke Cricket Club). He participated in 1906 on the Belvedere Athletics team, the swimming team and the Gymnastic team (trained by Sergeant Major Wright and Fr. Gill SJ, who was a chaplain in the First World War) which won the Schools Gymnastic Championship Shield.¹ He left Belvedere College in 1906.

He subsequently joined the Royal Irish Constabulary. After his Cadetship, he was posted in the district of Callan, County Kilkenny. On Christmas Eve, 1910, he was promoted to the rank of Second Class Inspector. In 1913, he joined the Special Reserve of Officers and was commissioned as 2nd Lieutenant of the Special Reserve in the 4th Battalion of the Royal Dublin Fusiliers. He spent from April to October, 1913, in training at Gravesend. While in England, he played many cricket matches with the Regimental XI, and was at the top of the batting averages at the end of the season. For more than a year he was Signalling Officer of his battalion, and was promoted to the rank of Captain in December 1915. At the conclusion of the War he was sent to Naas, Co. Kildare as Demobilisation Officer, where he became ill. He died there after a short illness on Monday 24 March 1919, aged 31 years. He left behind a young wife. He is buried New Chapel area of Glasnevin Cemetery, Dublin, where he is remembered with honour. He is also commemorated on the Roll of Honour at the Royal College of Surgeons of Ireland.

HILL, ARTHUR (?-1919)

Company Sergeant Major Arthur Hill was a son of Arthur and Ann J. Hill. He was married to Alice Hill and they resided at 89, Enfield Street, Belfast. Prior to the war Arthur was with the West Belfast Volunteers, who before the war was prominently identified with the Forth River Football and Cricket Clubs and the Ligoniel Football Club. Serving with the 9th Battalion, Royal Irish Rifles, service number 9/16552, he was in action at the Somme. In July 1916, Alice Hill received the following letter from Captain Montgomery, Arthur's company commander:-

'It is with grief that I write to tell your of the death of your husband. He was killed between the B and C lines during the advance on 1st July, 1916, when most gallantly leading his company. He set an example of coolness and leading that day which difficult will be difficult to surpass. Within the first minute and a half after we deployed all his company officers, myself included, were hit. To his undying honour be it said that after I called to him (being half-stunned) with a bullet through my helmet to carry on, he obeyed the order, just like he has always obeyed

¹ Royal Dublin Fusiliers website. Online: <https://www.dublin-fusiliers.com/battalions/4-battalion.html> (accessed 31 July 2018)

every order he received from me during the eight months we have been together, at once and cheerfully and with the greatest coolness. What was left of the company got up and followed him like heroes. He had them away at least two minutes before I was fit to stand on my feet and follow after them. I shall never forget the sight of him, as cool as if he were on a church parade at home. He did much to bring about the feat of arms his battalion performed that day, a performance not likely to be ever surpassed or even equaled.² Fortunately for CSM Hill was not killed but survived that awful day, he was hit in the side with bullet wounds resulting in him being captured and taken as a Prisoner of War.³ After the war CSM Hill was put on Class “Z” Reserve, 27th May 1919, sadly though, CSM Hill would pass away three months later, 24 August 1919, in the Ulster Volunteer Force Hospital and was buried with full military honours at Belfast City Cemetery, where he is remembered with honour.

BOND, HENRY HENDLEY (1873-1919)

Brevet Colonel Henry Hendley Bond D.S.O. was a son of Mrs. M.E. Bond, Castlelyons, Fermoy, Co. Cork. He was born on 13 June 1873 at Ahmedabad, India. He was educated at Wellington College. ‘He played five matches for Europeans between August 1898 and September 1900.’⁴ He also played quite a bit of military cricket. He served during the Great War with the Royal Field Artillery. He died almost twelve months to the day after the armistice in 1918, dying as he did on 10 November 1919, aged 46 years. He is remembered with honour at Castlelyons Churchyard, Fermoy, Co. Cork.

² *Belfast Newsletter*, 19 July 1916.

³ Note from John McCormick, 36th Ulster Division researcher and 36th Ulster Division Facebook page moderator.

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